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Pat Pascarella is an antitrust lawyer and strategist trusted by companies and government entities. Over the course of his career, Pat has played central roles in some of the most significant antitrust litigations and appellate victories of the modern era, including *United States v. Microsoft* and Supreme Court victories such as *Bell Atlantic v. Twombly* and *Pacific Bell v. linkLine*—cases that continue to shape how antitrust claims are framed, litigated, and resolved in the digital economy.

Pat brings a rare combination of government enforcement experience, in-house executive leadership, and private practice strategy. He served as Chief Antitrust Counsel at AT&T, led investigation and litigation teams at the U.S. Department of Justice Antitrust Division, and was a partner at major law firms, including chair of the antitrust practice at one leading firm. He is regularly entrusted with high stakes matters, including his recent retention by the California Attorney General's Office as trial counsel in a significant price-fixing prosecution.

Pat represents companies facing government investigations, regulatory scrutiny, and civil and criminal enforcement by the DOJ, FTC, state attorneys general, and international competition authorities. His work has led to decisive outcomes, including the complete revocation of a billion-dollar abuse-of-dominance fine imposed by Mexico's antitrust authority against América Móvil's TelCel.

His experience spans industries where antitrust and regulatory exposure are most acute, including telecommunications, digital platforms, technology, AI and data infrastructure, cybersecurity, energy, pharmaceuticals, and manufacturing. His clients have included global market leaders such as AT&T, América Móvil, Ericsson, and News Corp, as well as sovereign entities and state governments.

Education

**J.D., George Washington University
National Law Center**

B.A., The Ohio State University

Government Service

Antitrust Division, U.S. Department of
Justice D.C.

Lecturer, National Defense University,
Industrial College of the Armed Forces
D.C.

Summer Associate, U.S. Attorney's Office
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Accolades

2027 The Best Lawyers in America®
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2026 The Best Lawyers in America®
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Admissions

District of Columbia

Texas

Ohio (inactive)

He has written and counseled on the evolution of platform litigation and emerging antitrust theories targeting closed digital ecosystems, including analyses of how regulators and private plaintiffs are attempting to reshape competition in technology markets.

Known for combining litigation strength with strategic judgment, Pat advises clients not only on the law itself, but on how regulators, courts, and enforcement bodies make decisions in defining commercial, political, and reputational moments.

Representative Matters

- Currently prosecuting a claim that a major US wireless carrier has monopsonized a 5G wireless spectrum market.
- Lead outside litigation counsel for the California Attorney General in prosecution of a price fixing case against global gasoline trading firms. *People v. Vitol* (C.D.Cal.)
- Defended national trucking company in Section 1 “no poach” class action. *Markson v. CRST International, Inc.* (C.D.Cal.)
- Defended medical device manufacturer in Section 1 and 2 Sherman Act lawsuit (exclusive dealing and refusal to deal) brought by generic drug manufacturer.
- Prosecuted a Noerr Pennington sham litigation action on behalf of a major international telecommunications firm.
- Defended a wireless network infrastructure provider in the text-messaging price-fixing litigation. *In re A2P SMS Antitrust Litigation* (S.D.N.Y.)
- Defended government contractors in conspiracy and attempt to monopolize lawsuit in Northern District of Ohio.
- After assuming defense of a US carrier in ongoing litigation, convinced federal judge to reverse her prior adverse summary judgment ruling in a Sections 1 and 2 antitrust action. *Jensen v. OldCastle* (N.D.Cal.)
- Defended regional sports governing body against conspiracy and monopolization cases in federal district court. *Levin v. Northeastern Ohio Tennis Assoc. et al.* (S.D.Ohio)

- Defended incumbent local telephone company in price-squeeze lawsuit. Pacific Bell v. linkLine (USSC)
- Defended incumbent local telephone company in Section 1 lawsuit. Bell Atlantic v Twombly (USSC)
- Unanimous jury verdict rejecting tying and monopolization claims against a US carrier in California state court. RLH v. SBC Communications

Publications

- Practical Advice for In-House Counsel Amid the Antitrust Sound and Fury, The Antitrust Attorney Blog (September 1, 2021)
- New York's Proposed Antitrust Laws Are Out of Sync with US Law, Law360 (September 14, 2020)
- Antitrust Compliance Can Help Cut Costs, Law360 (July 17, 2020)
- Interlocking Directorates – Not Just a Section 8 Issue, Law360 (October 6, 2017)
- The Resale Price Maintenance Two-Step, DRI's For the Defense (October 1, 2017)
- Product-Hopping Cases: A Bad Prescription for Consumers, Law360 (August 14, 2015)
- Major Makeover in the Works for Mexican Competition Law, Law 360 (March 18, 2013)

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