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EDUCATION

Union College (B.A., 1973,
cum laude with distinction
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Case Western Reserve
University (J.D., 1976)
An Editor of Law Review

PRACTICE AREAS

Banking & Finance
Business Law
Construction Law
Real Estate & Land Use
Securities Law

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

Rhode Island (1983)
Massachusetts (1986)
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United States Court of Appeals
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PATRICK A. GUIDA, PARTNER

OVERVIEW

Patrick Guida is part of the firm's banking and finance, business law, and real estate law teams. He has been providing legal services to institutional banking clients throughout New England for more than three decades, and previously served as in-house counsel for two major banks. In 2022, he was elected President of the American College of Commercial Finance Lawyers and named an Excellence in the Law Hall of Fame honoree by Rhode Island Lawyers Weekly. He was recognized by *Best Lawyers* as the 2019 "Lawyer of the Year" for Banking and Finance in the Providence metro region.

He is known for his precision in complex financing transactions, often representing institutional lenders and borrowers — including major banks — in deals involving historic redevelopment, economic development bonds, affordable housing, and private business acquisition and expansion. He has established a special expertise in the financing of healthcare provider transactions. He is experienced in sophisticated syndicated and participated deals, representing lead and agent bank lenders.

Patrick also represents major real estate developers in their project development, permitting, borrowing and leasing transactions, including major development projects within the Capital Center District in downtown Providence. Patrick brings to the table a wealth of alternative financing options that help divergent parties reach mutually beneficial accord and compromise during the negotiation process.

The "very knowledgeable" Patrick Guida is considered by market observers to be "a great banking and finance lawyer." He is noted for his representation of both lenders and borrowers in connection with a broad range of lending transactions, and is particularly revered for his expertise in healthcare financings. | Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business 2019

EXPERIENCE

Patrick has represented several national and regional lending institutions in the structuring, documenting and implementation of numerous financing transactions including:

- Major commercial and industrial development projects.
- Federal and State historic tax credit redevelopments of several major, commercial and multifamily residential projects.
- State and state agency issue industrial development bond transactions.
- State and state agency issue health and educational institution bond transactions.

RECOGNITION

Patrick Guida leads the firm's banking and finance practice and specializes in complex financing transactions, particularly within the healthcare industry. He is also involved in matters dealing with economic development bonds and private business acquisition. Clients praise his "impressive" work and describe him as an "extremely qualified, highly experienced attorney who provides excellent counsel." | Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business 2018

Active in the leadership of notable professional groups locally and nationally, Patrick has served (since 2012) as one of the five Rhode Island members of The National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, also commonly known as the Uniform Law Commission.

In 2022, he was named an Excellence in the Law Hall of Fame honoree by Lawyers Weekly, and he was elected President of the American College of Commercial Finance Lawyers. He was originally elected in 2018 to the Executive Committee of the American College of Commercial Finance Lawyers. He was the first Fellow (2011), first Regent (2013) and first Officer (2018) elected from Rhode Island in the history of the organization. Election to the ACCFL is based on commercial finance law focus; preeminence in the field; and substantial contributions to learning and scholarship through teaching, lecturing or published writings.

He has been the program chair and a speaker for both the American Law Institute-Continuing Legal Education "Commercial Lending Today" program (since 1998) and for the Rhode Island Bar Association Annual "Commercial Law Update" (since 2010).

Patrick was honored in 2014 as a Distinguished Service Award winner by the National Association of State Boards of Education, the highest honor the NASBE can bestow on a state board of education member.

He was recognized by *Best Lawyers* as the 2019 "Lawyer of the Year" for Banking and Finance Law in the Providence metro region. Patrick earned additional recognition in the area of Commercial Finance Law. He continues to be noted by *Best Lawyers* in both areas.