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OVERVIEW

An experienced litigator, Anna-Patrice regards herself first and foremost as a problem solver for clients.

Anna-Patrice always knew she was good at proactively solving problems and working through situations—and litigation was the ultimate in problem solving and conflict resolution. After earning her law degree, she gained experience litigating in a wide variety of practice areas, representing clients in labor and employment, product liability, construction defect, personal injury, and antitrust cases.

Today, Anna-Patrice focuses her practice on general commercial litigation matters, handling a range of business disputes, including breach of contract and breach of warranty allegations, product liability and property damage suits, and fraud cases. She works especially often on antitrust litigation, and she also assists the Labor & Employment team with various employment lawsuits. While Anna-Patrice represents clients in a diverse array of industries, she has a special focus on the food systems sphere, including representation of grocery retailers and meat-packing companies.

Anna-Patrice has a true gift for identifying the strengths and weaknesses of a case—and building a winning strategy accordingly. Although she generally succeeds in resolving matters before they reach a courtroom, she's always ready to go to trial if necessary, and she has extensive experience arguing motions and leading cross examinations during hearings. Perhaps best known for her client communications, Anna-Patrice prioritizes keeping clients informed and simply listening to their needs and goals. Clients

Industry

Food Systems

Services

Antitrust Litigation

Commercial Litigation

Employment Litigation Defense

Labor & Employment

Litigation & Alternative Dispute Resolution

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often remark on how much they appreciate conversations with her and know that she's heard and understood their concerns.

Experience

- Defended corporate clients against class action and individual cases of harassment, discrimination, and wage and hour claims.
- Counseled corporate clients on minimizing risk associated with discipline and termination, and how to successfully navigate disability, leave, wage and hour issues as well as reductions in force actions (RIF).
- Drafted and reviewed employee-related documents such as employee handbooks, severance agreements, and employment contracts.
- Recruited to serve a crucial role on large-scale antitrust case, navigating complex litigation case from summary judgement to final resolution.
- Steered all facets of commercial class action suits focusing on antitrust items, including Jones versus Varsity Brands, LLC, representing indirect purchaser.

Education

- J.D., North Carolina Central University School of Law
- B.A., Xavier University of Louisiana

Admissions

- California
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of California

Community Leadership

Anna-Patrice works with her mother to oversee the organization the pair founded, Passport to College, which partners with international students who excel in STEM (often in Jamaica) to place them at Historically Black Colleges and Universities in the U.S. She loves following along with these students' subsequent careers, with many of those from the organization's first cohort now working as doctors, pharmacists, and engineers.

Anna-Patrice also prioritizes pro bono work in her legal practice and serves with the Shriver Custody Project, where she represents local Bay Area families—often minorities who deeply value the opportunity to work with an attorney who looks like them—in custody arrangements.