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Practice Areas

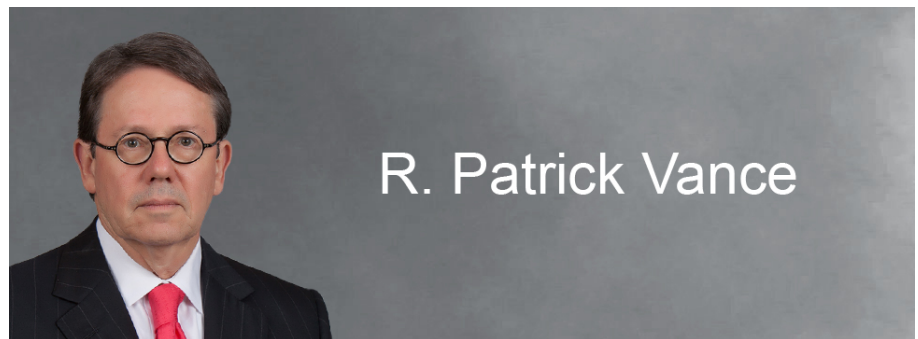
Antitrust & Trade Regulation
Appellate Litigation
Banking & Financial Services
Bankruptcy, Restructuring & Creditors'-Debtors' Rights
Business & Commercial Litigation
Class Action Defense & Multi-District Litigation
Disaster Preparedness & Recovery
Government Relations & Legislative Advocacy
Professional Liability
Telecommunications & Utilities

Bar Admissions

Louisiana, 1975

Education

Paul M. Hebert Law Center,
Louisiana State University,
J.D., 1975; Member,
Louisiana Law Review,
1973–1975
St. Joseph College Seminary
Louisiana State University,
B.A., 1970, with highest



Pat Vance is a partner in and leader of the firm's Business & Commercial Litigation Practice Group. His practice focuses primarily on business litigation, creditors' rights litigation, and bankruptcy. Mr. Vance is a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, American Law Institute, and of the American College of Bankruptcy. He is also an officer and conferee of the National Bankruptcy Conference.

As a trial attorney, Mr. Vance has handled more than 300 commercial disputes in a wide variety of practice areas, including antitrust, Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO), copyright infringement, Lanham Act, securities litigation, class action defense, foreclosures, fraud, lender liability, banking litigation, Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA), dealer-distributor disputes, successions, legal malpractice, expropriation, contract interpretation, partnership, utility regulation, tax, and general commercial disputes. He has more than 70 reported decisions.

Mr. Vance regularly represents secured and unsecured creditors in all types of business bankruptcy cases. He has been retained by scores of banks, telecommunications companies, international manufacturers, utilities, health care providers, maritime, oil and gas-related industries, the music industry, casinos, and insurance companies. He represented one of the key creditors in the Cajun Electric bankruptcy case, which was one of the most significant utility cases filed in the United States in the 1990s. He has also represented and served as a trustee and counsel to creditors' committees in numerous cases.

As trustee and as attorney for debtors and trustees, Mr. Vance has represented real estate developers, hotels, casinos, partnerships, construction companies, health spas, maritime clients, oil and gas-related industries, a tree farm, a gravel pit, and the largest alligator farm in North America. He recently

honors; Phi Beta Kappa
Faculty Group Award;
Danforth Fellowship Finalist

completed the representation of a New Orleans-based utility company in a post-Katrina Chapter 11 case.

Noteworthy

- Listed in *Benchmark Litigation 2011* as Highly Recommended
 - Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2012 (Copyright 2011 by Woodward/White, Inc., Aiken, SC) in the areas of Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Litigation - Banking & Finance, and Litigation - Bankruptcy (listed annually since 1993)
 - Recognized in "*Chambers USA – America's Leading Lawyers for Business*" in the areas of Bankruptcy/Restructuring and Litigation: General Commercial (annually since 2006)
 - Listed in the 2012 edition of *Louisiana Super Lawyers* in the area of Bankruptcy & Creditor/Debtor Rights (listed annually since 2007)
 - Named to *New Orleans CityBusiness'* 2008 Leadership in Law
 - **AV® Peer Review Rating in Martindale-Hubbell**
 - Listed in *Euromoney's Guide to World's Leading Insolvency Lawyers* (listed annually since 1997)
 - One of two Louisiana attorneys listed in the *International Who's Who of Insolvency and Restructuring Lawyers*
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Presentations

- "Deposing the Financial Expert"
Louisiana State Bar Association Program, New Orleans, Louisiana, November 5, 2010
- "Deposing an Expert Witness"
New Orleans Bar Association CLE Program, New Orleans, Louisiana, November 3, 2010
- "Assorted Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Issues"
New Orleans, Louisiana, March 12, 2009
- "Chapter 11 Business Reorganizations"
Annual Advanced ALI-ABA Course of Study, Charleston, South Carolina, June 2005

Publications

- "Maximus of the Courtroom Crowned with Glory"
New Orleans Bar Association Newsletter, March 2002
- "Fifth Circuit Symposium: Bankruptcy"
46 Loyola Law Review 931, 2000
- "Fifth Circuit Symposium: Bankruptcy"
42 Loyola Law Review 459, 1996
- "Fifth Circuit Symposium: Bankruptcy"
41 Loyola Law Review 443, 1995

Memberships

- American Bar Association (Past Chair, Bankruptcy Litigation Committee; Member, Business Bankruptcy Committee)
- American College of Bankruptcy (Member, Board of Regents, 2003–2007; Board of Directors, 2007 to date)
- American College of Bankruptcy Foundation (President, 2012 to date; Board of Directors, 2008 to date)
- American College of Trial Lawyers (Fellow)
- American Law Institute (Fellow)
- Kid SmArt (Board Member)
- Louisiana ArtWorks (Past Board Member)
- Louisiana Bankers Association (Past Chair, Bank Counsel Committee, 1993; Past Chair, Educational Subcommittee, 1991–1993; Past Chair, Legislative Subcommittee, 1989–1991)
- Louisiana State Bar Association (Past Chair, Sections on Consumer Protection Law and Bankruptcy Law, 1986–1987; Past Chair, CLE Planning Committee, 1995–1996)
- Louisiana State University Honors College Advisory Council
- National Bankruptcy Conference (Executive Committee and Treasurer)
- New Orleans Bar Association (President; Board Member)
- Southeast Louisiana Legal Services Corporations (Member, Treasurer and Board of Directors)
- Trinity Episcopal School (Past Board Member)

Court Admissions

U.S. Supreme Court

5th Cir.

11th Cir.

E.D. La., 1975

M.D. La., 1975

W.D. La., 1975

S.D. Tex.

