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SERVICES

Appellate
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Litigation
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INDUSTRIES

Energy
Energy Extraction
Energy Transmission /
Pipelines
Insurance
Higher Education
K-12 Schools
Independent K-12 Schools

Pat Nugent represents clients in complex commercial and regulatory disputes, particularly for institutions of higher education and companies in the energy and insurance industries. Pat has litigated a broad array of statutory and constitutional issues ? before agencies, trial courts, and appellate courts alike ? involving due process, takings, the Clean Water Act, the National Environmental Policy Act, the Natural Gas Act, Title VI, Title IX, Section 1981, and others. Pat?s litigation experience runs from inception through appeal, including handling pre-trial phases of litigation, drafting pleadings, navigating discovery, preparing and opposing pre-trial motions, readying witnesses for depositions, and taking depositions. In addition, Pat frequently represents clients in complex, high-stakes appeals, and has drafted numerous merits briefs in appeals before the Second, Third, Sixth, and District of Columbia Circuits, as well as certiorari-stage briefs in the Supreme Court of the United States.

EXPERIENCE

Higher Education

- Institutions of higher education in student conduct litigation and appeals.
- Institutions of higher education in academic dismissal litigation.

Energy and Environmental Litigation

- *Transcon. Gas Pipe Line Co., LLC v. Permanent Easements for 2.14 Acres*, 907 F.3d 725 (3d Cir. 2018): Affirming entry of preliminary injunction awarding immediate possession of rights of way for interstate natural gas pipeline project.
- *Delaware Riverkeeper Network v. Sec’y Pennsylvania Dep’t of Env’tl. Prot.*, 903 F.3d 65 (3d Cir. 2018): Denying challenges to issuance of Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification for interstate natural gas pipeline project.
- *Adorers of the Blood of Christ v. Fed. Energy Regulatory Comm’n*, 897 F.3d 187 (3d Cir. 2018): Affirming dismissal of challenges under the Religious Freedom Restoration Act to interstate natural gas pipeline project.
- *Delaware Riverkeeper Network v. Fed. Energy Regulatory Comm’n*, 857 F.3d

388 (D.C. Cir. 2017): Denying challenges to issuance of Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for interstate natural gas pipeline project.

- Delaware Riverkeeper Network v. Sec'y Pennsylvania Dep't of Env'tl. Prot., 833 F.3d 360 (3d Cir. 2016): Denying challenges to issuance of Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification for interstate natural gas pipeline project.
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Insurance Litigation

- A life insurer in state and federal trial court litigation involving the sale of life insurance and employer welfare benefit plans.
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Commercial Litigation

- A prominent gaming and entertainment client in a breach of contract and defamation case in New Jersey federal district court arising from an agreement to develop and implement an online gaming and gambling system for a casino.
 - A global financial services firm in a high-value business interruption claim.
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HONORS

Member of *U.S. News - Best Lawyers*® "Best Law Firms" National Tier 1 ranked Environmental Law Practice

MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

American Bar Association

Pennsylvania Bar Association

Philadelphia Bar Association

EDUCATION

J.D., University of Pennsylvania Law School, 2012

- Executive Editor, *University of Pennsylvania Journal of Business Law* (2011-12)
- Moot Court Team, National Moot Court Competition (2011)

B.A., University of Notre Dame, 2009, *summa cum laude* and Phi Beta Kappa

BAR ADMISSION

New Jersey

Pennsylvania

FIRM MANAGEMENT POSITIONS

Member, Hiring Committee

Vice Chair, Summer Associate Program