



# Jay Patton

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With an extensive 26-year background in complex litigation, Jay has adeptly navigated a broad spectrum of cases, from leading the defense in intricate business disputes to serving as managing counsel for the coordination of general liability defense across multiple jurisdictions. Jay has a track record of successfully litigating numerous cases to verdict. He actively explores avenues to avoid prolonged litigation, but when necessary, he is always prepared to take a case to trial. His meticulous attention to detail, coupled with his strong client relationships, consistently guides his strategic decision-making process, driving him to proactively execute and diligently pursue the best possible outcomes for his clients.

Presently, Jay's primary focus centers on insurance coverage and bad faith, general liability defense, and business litigation. However, his experience spans a multitude of industries, encompassing retail, manufacturing, automotive, technology, banking, and insurance.

Beyond his legal pursuits, Jay treasures spending quality time with his family, exploring new destinations through travel, and carving through pristine slopes while skiing.

## Related Insights

- DEF Welcomes New Partner: Jay Patton, September 29, 2023, News

### EDUCATION

**University of Georgia, School of Law**  
(JD, 1996)

**The State University of New York at Oswego** (BA, 1993)

### ADMISSIONS

#### Bar Admissions

Georgia

#### Court Admissions

All Georgia State and Federal Courts

Georgia Court of Appeals

Georgia Supreme Court

### RELATED PRACTICE AREAS

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General Liability

### MEMBERSHIPS

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