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### Introduction

Patty is an accomplished trial lawyer, having tried scores of cases to verdict in state and federal court. Her practice focuses on complex commercial litigation, white collar criminal defense and employment disputes. Patty has represented Fortune 500 companies, executives of those companies and other businesses in civil litigation and white collar criminal matters involving alleged patent infringement, securities fraud, copyright and trade secret claims, antitrust violations, tax fraud, RICO violations and a wide variety of employment discrimination and wage and hour cases. In addition to her trial practice, Patty conducts internal investigations for private companies and government agencies and has served as the Special Ethics Counsel to the Seattle School District.

Patty's recent clients and matters have included representation of:

- King County Wastewater Division against employment discrimination, retaliation and failure-to-accommodate claims. Jury returned a defense verdict after a four-week trial in state court.
- CEO of national real estate syndication firm in a matter arising from the company's sale of \$4 billion in commercial real estate through private placement and other investment offerings. Defended client in a three-month trial in federal district court alleging securities, mail and wire fraud.
- Microsoft against patent infringement claims in the federal district court. Case was resolved on favorable terms shortly before trial.
- President of native-owned, Canadian cigarette distribution company on tax evasion, obstruction of justice and perjury charges. After a jury trial, the government dismissed all charges.
- Internationally renowned celebrity David Copperfield in grand jury investigation into allegations of kidnapping and fraud, and in a related civil personal injury lawsuit. After a three-year investigation, government declined to prosecute based on defense investigation. Plaintiff later dismissed the civil lawsuit without settlement of any kind.
- Local Seattle engineering company against claims of misappropriation of trade secrets and business interference claims.
- International construction company in federal court against a high-level manager's claim that he was misclassified as an exempt employee and entitled to receive overtime pay. Case was dismissed on summary judgment.
- Large construction company in a federal investigation alleging fraudulent billing practices.

Patty is a founding member of Calfo Eakes & Ostrovsky. Prior to forming the firm, she was a King County Senior Deputy Prosecutor in both the Criminal and Civil Divisions from 1990 until 2006. As a prosecutor, Patty directed the investigation and prosecution of numerous high profile homicide cases and other violent crimes. She prosecuted Gary Ridgway, the most prolific serial killer in the

United States, for more than 50 murders referred to as the Green River murders. In the Civil Division, Patty advised county agencies on a wide variety of employment-related issues including requests for accommodation, discipline and termination. She also defended King County in both state and federal court in employment lawsuits.

Patty was awarded "Lawyer of the Year" by the King County Bar Association and named a "SuperLawyer" in Washington Law & Politics Magazine. She was named one of Benchmark Litigation's "Top 250 Women in Litigation" in 2015 and 2016 and Benchmark also identified her as a 2016 "Litigation Star". Patty is also a member of the Fellowship of the Litigation Counsel of America. She is a member of the Asian Bar Association and Washington Women Lawyers and has previously served on the boards of the Seattle Police Foundation and DAWN, a domestic violence organization.