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Patton Joins Harvard Law Reading Group to Discuss Aftermath of U.S. Supreme Court Case

INDIANAPOLIS, IND. – The law firm of Bose McKinney & Evans LLP is pleased to announce that George T. Patton, Jr. recently visited a Harvard Law School reading group that is studying “Judicial Independence, Judicial Ethics and the First Amendment.” Patton was invited to lead a discussion about the aftermath of the case, *Republican Party of Minnesota vs. White*, 536 U.S. 765 (2002).

Students in the reading group, taught by former Massachusetts Chief Justice Margaret H. Marshall, are examining the origins of judicial elections in the United States, and tensions that have arisen between the First Amendment and canons of judicial ethics in the wake of three cases: *White* as well as *Citizen’s United v. FEC*, 558 U.S. 50 (2010) and *Caperton v. A.T. Massey Coal*, 556 U.S. 868 (2009).

“It was an honor to be asked by Chief Justice Marshall to speak with her students about the aftermath of *White* and its effect on judicial campaigns and canons,” said Patton.

On three occasions, Patton has represented the Conference of Chief Justices, consisting of all state supreme court Chief Justices from across the United States, as an amicus curiae in the U.S. Supreme Court and U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit.

Patton is a partner in the Litigation Group and former chair of the Appellate Group at Bose McKinney & Evans. While practicing law, he taught appellate advocacy and procedure at Indiana University Mauer School of Law, wrote a book on appellate procedure published by West Group, authored a chapter in a book of appellate briefs, and published several articles on Indiana appellate procedure.

Patton attended the University of Aberdeen in Scotland and graduated cum laude from Wabash College. He received his law degree, cum laude, from IU Mauer School of Law. He is a member of the American, Indiana State and Indianapolis Bar Associations as well as a board member of the USA Development Trust, University of Aberdeen, Scotland. He also is included in Washington, D.C. Super Lawyer-Appellate (2007-2011) and The Best Lawyers in America® 2011 Appellate Law.

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