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**Jewell D. H. Patek**  
*Partner*

Jewell Patek began his political career in 1996, when he filed for the open 7<sup>th</sup> District State Representative seat. He defeated the locally backed primary challenger as well as the favored Democrat candidate. At age 25, he was sworn in as the 3<sup>rd</sup> youngest member of the Missouri legislature. Patek was re-elected twice to the 7<sup>th</sup> District seat.

During his tenure, Patek earned a reputation as a strong advocate for small businesses in the state. He was recognized for his efforts by the Missouri Chamber of Commerce, the National Federation of Independent Businesses, and the Associated Industries of Missouri with their highest ratings. No small achievement was his ability to defeat a dangerous health care proposal that most certainly would have caused health insurance costs in the state to skyrocket to unaffordable levels for nearly all small businesses and their employees.

Patek also successfully championed and passed legislation in a variety of areas. His accomplishments include creating more than \$500 million in new highway funding for the state, crafting the state's first-ever suicide prevention program, expanding low-interest loans for beginning farmers, and establishing a new matching grant program for building and renovating domestic violence shelters in Missouri. His diverse interests and talents were reflected in his Committee Assignments, which included the House Budget, Health and Mental Health Appropriations, Critical Issues, Education, Elections, Civil Law, Agriculture, Judiciary, Transportation, and the Transportation Oversight Committees.

During his tenure in the state legislature, Patek continued to practice law in Chillicothe. His practice included real estate transactions, estate planning, insurance defense, and corporate compliance. Patek is a member of the Missouri Bar.

In addition to his service in the state legislature, Patek served as campaign manager for Congressman Sam Graves' first campaign for Congress. He also served as campaign director for Senator David Klindt as he successfully replaced Congressman Graves in the Missouri Senate. Upon Congressman Graves' election to Congress, Patek joined him in Washington as his Administrative Assistant.

While on Congressman Graves' staff, Patek's duties as Administrative Assistant carried a variety of responsibilities. Those responsibilities included acting as legislative director and spokesperson overseeing the legislative and press operations in Congressman Graves' office.

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Recently, Patek joined Secretary of State Matt Blunt's Capitol staff as his Chief Administrative Aide. Since leaving Secretary Blunt's staff, Patek started the government relations firm, Patek and Associates, LLC, and the campaign consulting and political fundraising firm, Election Day Enterprises, LLC. Mr. Patek has a Bachelor of Science in Political Science from Westminster College and his Juris Doctorate from the University of Missouri. He resides in Jefferson City.

**Andy Blunt  
Of Counsel**

Andrew (Andy) B. Blunt is a member of Schreimann, Rackers, Francka & Blunt LLC. Mr. Blunt's law practice is concentrated in the areas of public policy, including legislative services and political consulting.

Mr. Blunt has extensive experience working on behalf of Republican candidates within the state of Missouri. He has served as campaign staff assistant to U.S Congressman Roy Blunt. He has also worked for the Missouri House Republican Campaign Committee, the Missouri Senate Republican Campaign Committee, and the Missouri Republican Party in the 1997-1998 election cycle. In that capacity, Blunt served as statewide field director and regional field director, recruiting candidates and organizing House and Senate campaigns across Missouri. The Republican Party now holds majorities in both Chambers of the Missouri General Assembly.

During his second year of law school, Mr. Blunt took a one-year leave of absence, during which he served as Executive Director for his brother, Matt Blunt, in his successful bid to become Missouri's Secretary of State. Mr. Blunt has run numerous House and Senate campaigns including Missouri State Senator Carl Vogel (Chairman – Ways and Means). Mr. Blunt served as General Chairman of Missourians for Matt Blunt, Inc., the gubernatorial campaign of Matt Blunt during the 2004 election cycle.

Mr. Blunt represents numerous corporations as a registered lobbyist in Jefferson City.

Mr. Blunt has served on the board of the Missouri River Regional Library and currently serves on the board for Easter Seals. Mr. Blunt, who is an Eagle Scout, is also involved in scouting in central Missouri. In 2002, Mr. Blunt participated in the Jefferson City *Friends of Scouting* campaign and he was made the Chairman of that effort in 2003. In 2004 Mr. Blunt was elected to the Executive Board of the Great Rivers Council serving more than 10,000 scouts in 33 counties.

Blunt graduated magna cum laude with a B.S. in History & Political from Science Southwest Baptist University in 1998 and earned his Juris Doctorate from the University of Missouri Columbia in 2002.

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**Jillian Lair**  
*Associate*

Jillian Lair lobbies the Missouri Legislature for several Patek & Associates' clients. She also manages the fundraising and grassroots operations of Election Day Enterprises. Prior to joining the firm, Lair worked in the Virginia General Assembly for Senate President Pro Tem and Appropriations Chair John Chichester overseeing his constituent services, tracking his legislation, preparing his schedule, and assisting in his duties as Appropriations Chair. She returned to Missouri in 2003 to serve as Executive Assistant to then Secretary of State Matt Blunt's Chief Deputy.

Ms. Lair graduated magna cum laude from the University of Richmond, Virginia with a Bachelor of the Arts degree in International Studies with a Concentration in World Politics and Diplomacy and a minor in Anthropology.