Chirali V. Patel Joins Pashman Stein Walder Hayden as an Associate in the Firm's Cannabis & Hemp Law Practice and Litigation Practice

Pashman Stein Walder Hayden announced today that Chirali V. Patel has joined the firm as an associate in the firm's Cannabis & Hemp Law practice and Litigation practice as of May 24, 2021.

Patel started her journey in the cannabis industry through self-education and organic networking in legal states such as Colorado as early as 2016. She went on to gain experience in facilitating vertical applications for medical cannabis licenses in New Jersey and in advising individuals on ancillary market opportunities. Patel is also an advocate in the community and was the South Asian liaison for NJ CAN 2020, the successful "vote yes" campaign led by the ACLU-NJ to legalize adult-use, for which Pashman Stein Walder Hayden served as pro bono counsel. Patel is an Executive Board Member for the New Jersey State Bar Association Cannabis Committee and is a member of its Legislative Subcommittee. She is also a member of several industry organizations and speaks frequently on the topic in her professional and personal capacity. In 2021, Patel was named by the Green Market Report as one of Cannabis' Most Notable AAPI Leaders.

Patel's litigation practice is focused on complex commercial litigation, including business torts and civil RICO claims against Fortune 500 companies, and complex class actions and mass tort litigation against pharmaceutical drug companies and automobile manufacturers.

She devoted the early years of her career to serving the public, previously working for the County of Bergen as assistant county counsel, for the City of Hoboken as assistant corporation counsel and assistant prosecutor, and for the County of Passaic as a legal associate.

Patel is a member of the Bergen County Bar Association and is a Trustee for the South Asian Bar Association-NJ. She earned her J.D. from Yeshiva University, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law in 2015 and her B.A. from Rutgers University in 2011. She is admitted to practice in New Jersey and the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey.