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Patrick currently serves as Director of Bar Exam Success at UNM School of Law, and he previously served the law school as Associate Director of Career Services. In these roles, Patrick has helped improve bar passage rates and has helped the law school receive national recognition such as being ranked #2 in the country for Government & Public Interest Jobs and #11 for Federal Judicial Clerkship Placement.

Patrick was born in Taos and grew up in northern New Mexico. After graduating from Peñasco High School, Patrick spent time pursuing university and graduate studies while living in Utah, Arizona, Alaska, Guatemala, and Peru. While in law school, Patrick worked in the law library and stayed on after graduation working his way up from Circulation Aid to Access Services Librarian. Patrick graduated from Sandra Day O'Connor School of Law and returned home to New Mexico to work as a felony trial attorney in the Albuquerque public defender's office. Patrick represented indigent defendants facing a broad range of charges and litigated many jury trials as a public defender. Patrick then spent several years in civil practice focusing on plaintiff matters and foreclosure defense where he successfully litigated cases in all levels of New Mexico State Courts.

Patrick is passionate about helping UNM graduates launch their careers and pursue their dreams. He has found great joy in helping students soar in various ways such as: teaching law school bar prep courses, developing and implementing career services programs and events, and providing individual student advising and coaching. In his spare time, Patrick enjoys spending time outside with his family while skiing, hiking, camping, and motorcycling.