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2016–2025 **Director of Policy Analytics, Mercatus Center at George Mason University, Arlington, VA**

2012–2025 **Senior Research Fellow, Mercatus Center at George Mason University, Arlington, VA**

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Editorial

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Education

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2025–present **Board of Advisors, Vulcan Technologies, Inc. – AI-native regulatory solutions**

2017–2025 Board of Advisors, Esper, Inc. – Regulatory data and policymaking technology

2018–2022 Board of Advisors, HData, LLC – RegTech and Legal Tech solutions

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- 2026 Regulating Transportation Networks (Hoover Institution virtual panel — organizer and panelist)
- 2026 Regulatory Crosswinds: Can the US and EU Stay Aligned? — presentation, GW Regulatory Studies Center
- 2026 THRED Talks at SAMCEDA's 73rd Annual Meeting
- 2026 JMI Tech Conference Panel
- 2026 Small Business Administration Webinar on Policy/Regulatory Interventions Targeting the Wrong Margin
- 2026 Computational Law as a Blueprint for AI Reasoning (CodeX FutureLaw 2026, Stanford Law School — panelist)
- 2026 Ridiculous Regs and How to Stop Them – Solutions Summit Panel
- 2025 ALEC Regulatory Reform Academy (Billings, Montana)
- 2025 SIEPR Workshop on Budget Analysis and Public Policy – Patrick McLaughlin Presentation
- 2025 Invited Talk at Heritage on Economics of Regulation/Deregulation
- 2010 Environmental Liability and Stewardship in Railroad Stock Prices

Congressional & Legislative Testimony (22)

- 2026 **Regulatory Reform in Louisiana: An Opportunity for Greater Economic Growth.** Patrick McLaughlin testified before the Louisiana House Special Committee on Regulatory Reform, presenting research on the economic costs of Louisiana's regulatory accumulation and recommending reform models based on examples from Virginia, Idaho, and British Columbia. The testimony drew on peer-reviewed work quantifying how regulatory growth slows GDP and harms households, and previewed findings from an upcoming Pelican Institute report modeling the economic gains from reducing Louisiana's regulatory stock by 10–40 percent.
- 2025 **Regulatory Reform in Wisconsin: An Opportunity for Greater Economic Growth.** Testimony before the Wisconsin Senate Committee on Licensing, Regulatory Reform, State and Federal Affairs and the Wisconsin Assembly Committee on Government Operations, Accountability, and Transparency.
- 2025 **The Relationship Between Regulation and Productivity.** Testimony before the United States Joint Economic Committee.
- 2025 **Response to Questions for the Record from Rep. Scott Fitzgerald.** Patrick McLaughlin submitted written responses to Questions for the Record from Representative Scott Fitzgerald

following a House Judiciary Committee hearing on February 11, 2025. This represents formal congressional testimony follow-up, demonstrating policy engagement with federal legislators on regulatory issues.

2025 **The Economics of Deregulation.** Testimony before the United States House Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Administrative State, Regulatory Reform, and Antitrust.

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