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For 25 years, Peter has been the preferred defence counsel for many of North America's most prominent insurers and corporations. With broad experience in the defence of municipal, professional liability, construction, and commercial claims, including the liability of municipal officials, architects, engineers, geotechnical consultants, building inspectors, land surveyors, construction consultants, real estate agents and brokers, life insurance agents and brokers, financial and investment advisors, and directors and officers of corporations, he is the key contact for many of the firm's clients.

Peter has provided advice and counsel regarding insurance disputes, class actions, surety and fidelity bonds, property and boiler and machinery policies. Peter has successfully litigated numerous product liability, personal injury, property and subrogation claims, and has appeared at various levels of the Ontario court system, before administrative and regulatory bodies, and in Alternative Dispute Resolution forums.

Effective claims resolution in a timely manner and on budget is Peter's top priority. He vigorously pursues litigation in a way that garners respect from his clients, opposing counsel and judges, mediators and arbitrators. Where there is opportunity for a fair settlement, it is expeditiously obtained. Peter excels at managing the lawyers, clerks and students at his firm and is primarily responsible for the firm's most important institutional clients. When not supervising workloads and mentoring lawyers, Peter continues to provide expertise on his own case files in the practice areas listed below.

Partner

Bar Admission: 1991

Practice Areas

Animal Law
Class Actions
Commercial & Business Litigation
Construction & Infrastructure
Criminal, Regulatory & Administrative Law
Debt Collection and Recovery
Directors & Officers Liability
Environmental Liability
General Casualty & Special Risks
Insurance Coverage
Municipal Liability
Not For Profit and Charity
Personal Injury
Product Liability
Professional Liability
Property Insurance
Risk Management Services
Subrogation

Education

- LL.B. Queen's University - 1989
- B.A. (Economics) University of Waterloo - 1986

Professional and Business Affiliations

- Law Society of Upper Canada
- Ontario Bar Association – Construction Law

TORONTO

OTTAWA

KITCHENER

BARRIE

LONDON

Featured Publications and Speeches

Peter has written and spoken extensively regarding municipal liability and insurance-related matters, including:

- COVID-19: Business interruption – Tangible property and loss of use in the Ontario Courts
- COVID-19: Business interruption – Are you covered?
- The Canadian Inter-Company Arbitration Agreement: How does it work?
- Condominium Corporation Issues: The President's View
- Proving Causation Where the But for Test is Unworkable



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