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Practice Litigation

Peter focuses his practice on commercial and appellate litigation. He represents businesses, municipal entities and individuals in litigation in state and federal court, as well as in alternative dispute resolution forums. Peter litigates business, construction, banking, real estate, catastrophic casualty, public utilities matters, insurance coverage disputes and Dragonetti Act claims. Peter has handled appeals before all Pennsylvania appellate courts, along with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First and Third Circuits, and original jurisdiction matters before the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania.

Before joining Stevens & Lee, Peter served as a law clerk to The Honorable Thomas I. Vanaskie and The Honorable D. Brooks Smith in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

While in law school, Peter wrote for the *Villanova Law Review* and was awarded the Villanova Law Review Series Scribes Award. Peter was elected to the Order of the Coif and was awarded the Saint Ives Medal for having the highest cumulative GPA for three years of law study, graduating first in his class.

Additionally, during his final year of law school, Peter served as a certified legal intern in the Villanova Health Law Clinic where he successfully represented clients before the Social Security Administration and in health insurance benefit denial appeals. Peter also interned with the nonprofit Support Center for Child Advocates and provided legal assistance to abused and neglected children in Philadelphia.

Before attending law school, Peter worked for three years as an Associate Account Manager for the Trion Group, a Marsh and McLennan Agency, LLC, assisting clients with their employee benefit programs. He also has a background in mortuary science, having earned a Funeral Director's license, and working in his family's business, the Adonizio Funeral Home, LLC, in Pittston, PA.

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Affiliations

- Pennsylvania Bar Association
- Lackawanna Bar Association
 - · Young Lawyers Division, Board of Directors
- · Wilkes-Barre Law and Library Association
 - · Young Lawyers Division, Treasurer
- Bar Association of the Third Federal Circuit
- · Leadership Northeast, Core Program Advisory Council
- Scouting America, NEPA Council, Board of Directors
 - Friends of Scouting Dinner, Co-Chair
- · Greater Pittston Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors

Recognition

- Recognized by Super Lawyers as a "Rising Star," Business Litigation, Pennsylvania, 2023 and 2024
- Listed in the "Top 20 Under 40," NEPA Business Journal, 2022

Education

- Villanova University School of Law, J.D., summa cum laude
- · Temple University, B.B.A., cum laude

Bar Admissions

Pennsylvania

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit
- · U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit