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About Pete

Pete's commercial litigation practice runs the gamut from business disputes involving claims for breach of contract, fraud, and injunctive relief, to employee benefits disputes and high-exposure class actions. He has particular experience with disputes related to health plans and the federal and state laws governing them, as well as disputes arising from other employee benefit plans, whether governed by ERISA or state law. His work frequently involves the representation of insurers, third-party administrators, plan sponsors, and fiduciaries in disputes involving benefit denials, the reimbursement of in- and out-of-network medical providers, allegations of fraudulent or abusive medical billing practices, and the interpretation of managed care agreements, administrative-services-only contracts, and stop-loss policies.

Additionally, Pete counsels business owners on operating and employment agreements, and advises health benefits companies on compliance with state insurance codes. He has successfully resolved class actions under ERISA, the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA), the Biometric Information Privacy Act (BIPA), the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO), and consumer fraud statutes.

Pete has practiced before arbitral bodies and trial and appellate courts across the country, handling appeals in the US Court of Appeals for the First and Seventh Circuits and state courts in Illinois and California. His work has shaped case law on topics such as ERISA discovery, fiduciary disclosure obligations, and insurance policy formation.

Pete's Affiliations

- American Health Law Association
- Defense Research Institute

- American Bar Association

Areas of Focus

Industries: Insurance; Life, Health, Disability & ERISA ; Managed Care

Services: Biometric Information Privacy Act (BIPA); Complex Commercial Litigation ;
Consumer & Class Action Defense; Labor & Employment; Litigation & Trial

Experience

- Secured the dismissal of an action by a medical provider seeking to hold a health plan administrator liable for millions of dollars in alleged underpayments for out-of-network emergency services.
- Secured an arbitration award determining that a claims administrator properly calculated and was entitled to retain deferred service fees under an administrative services agreement with an employer sponsoring a self-funded health benefit plan.
- Obtained summary judgment for a health plan administrator in a dispute with an out-of-network medical provider seeking millions of dollars in damages based on claims for promissory estoppel, common-law fraud, consumer fraud, and violations of the prompt-pay statute.
- Enforced a reinsurance treaty through a bench trial on behalf of a small health insurer, securing a judgment obligating the reinsurer to honor the treaty and reinsure medical insurance policies issued by our client, despite the reinsurer's failure to execute the treaty.
- Achieved a complete arbitration victory for a health plan administrator in a dispute where a large hospital system alleged breach of hospital services agreements due to unauthorized claim line edits to thousands of reimbursement claims.
- Secured an arbitration award holding that the statute of limitations barred one-third of the eight-figure damages sought by a large hospital system under a health system agreement.
- Obtained summary judgment in an action for long-term disability benefits under an ERISA-governed plan and successfully defended the judgment on appeal to the US Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, setting precedent limiting the scope of discovery in benefits-denial litigation under ERISA.
- Obtained rulings upholding a professional employer organization's misrepresentation claims in a complex fraud case against a software implementer, with the court finding that the alleged misrepresentations were actionable and that the claim of reasonable reliance was not foreclosed by the underlying agreement's disclaimers, merger clause, and damages limitations.
- Obtained a partial summary judgment enforcing a buy-sell agreement that required other shareholders to redeem our client's stock in a privately held company, leading to a favorable settlement.
- Successfully secured a dismissal for lack of specific personal jurisdiction in a Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA) class action related to wrong-number calls.

- Obtained dismissal of claims at the pleadings stage and secured a favorable class settlement in an ERISA class action involving an unfunded health benefit plan.
- Successfully compelled individual arbitration of an employee's alleged class action claims under the Biometric Information Privacy Act (BIPA) related to finger scanner timeclocks.

Recognition

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Litigation – ERISA, 2025 – 2026

Credentials

Education

University of Washington School of Law, LLM, 2005

Boston University School of Law, JD, *cum laude*, 1999

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, BA, *cum laude*, 1996

Bar Admissions

Illinois

Washington

Court Admissions

US Supreme Court

US Court of Appeals for the First Circuit

US Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

US District Court for the Central District of Illinois

US District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

US District Court for the Southern District of Illinois

US District Court for the Southern District of Indiana

US District Court for the District of North Dakota

US District Court for the Western District of Texas

US District Court for the Western District of Washington

US District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin

Interests

Did you know...

Pete supports the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, 98.7 WFMT, PAWS Chicago, and the All Herding Breed Dog Rescue in Joliet. He enjoys spending time with his family and rescue dog, staying fit through running, biking, and bodyweight strength training, and reading.

Community/Civic Activities

- Pete volunteers regularly at his children's Catholic school on Chicago's North Side.

Thought Leadership

Presentations

- "Evidence of Insurability Under Group Insurance Policies – Legal and Regulatory Update," Eastern Claims Conference, Boston, Massachusetts, March 11, 2024
- "Biometric Privacy: Litigation Trends and Defenses," February 12, 2019
- "LTD Overpayment Claims After Montanile: Are They Still Viable?," Definitive Disability Conference, Boston, Massachusetts, October 13, 2017
- "Pitfalls for Health Care Plan Administrators and Suggestions for Avoiding Them," DRI Life, Health, Disability and ERISA Claims Seminar, April 2014
- "Requests for the Administrative Record and Update on Litigation Involving Health Benefit Plans," Client Presentation, April 2013
- "Litigating Disability Benefit Claims Involving Subjective Complaints and Comorbidity," DRI Life, Health, Disability and ERISA Claims Seminar, April 2012

Publications

- "Does *Great-West v. Knudson* Extend Seventh Amendment Right to Jury Trial to Claims for ERISA Benefits?" *DRI ERISA Report*, Winter 2011 and *dritoday*, May 2012
- "U.S. Supreme Court to Decide Whether There Is Federal Question Jurisdiction Over Private TCPA Actions," *MAPbulletin*, November 2011
- "Recent Trends in Claims Against Self-Insured Health Plan Administrators," co-author of presentation given at 30th Annual SIAA National Educational Conference & Expo, October 2010
- "Regulatory Developments under the Community Reinvestment Act," *Annual Review of Banking Law*, 1998

Event

- Third Biennial Definitive Disability Conference, Oct 12, 2017

Hinshaw Alert

- Second Circuit Issues Statute of Limitations Ruling Favorable to Healthcare Plan Administrators, Jun 7, 2021

Hinshaw Newsletters

- The LHD/ERISA Advisor – June 2020 Edition, Jun 3, 2020
- Consumer Financial Services Newsletter - June 2016 Edition, Jun 30, 2016

- Consumer & Class Action Litigation Newsletter - October 2015 Edition, Oct 29, 2015
- Consumer & Class Action Litigation Newsletter - October 2014 Edition, Oct 22, 2014
- Consumer & Class Action Litigation Newsletter - February 2012 Edition, Feb 6, 2012

Press Releases

- 102 Hinshaw Lawyers Recognized in 2026 Editions of *The Best Lawyers in America*® and *Ones to Watch*™, Aug 21, 2025
- 105 Hinshaw Lawyers Recognized in 2025 Editions of Best Lawyers in America and Ones to Watch, Aug 15, 2024
- Peter Pederson Obtains Victory in \$360 Million “Stock Drop” ERISA Class Action, Oct 6, 2011

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