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About Peter

In his diverse litigation practice, Peter focuses on solving complex issues in aviation insurance and bad faith claims. He counsels clients on aviation, toxic torts, and professional and product liability, and handles commercial litigation, coverage evaluations, and general liability defense.

Peter represents commercial and regional airlines, flight schools, fixed-based operators, and Part 135 charter operators, defending clients in wrongful death, aircraft crashes, commercial, and product disputes across the country.

Peter's Affiliations

- American Bar Association, Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section (TIPS), Aviation and Space Law Committee, Co-Chair; *Comm – Law Journal*, Editorial Board Standing Committee, Editor, 2024 – 2025; Insurance Coverage Litigation, General Committee, Vice Chair, 2024 – 2025; Litigation and Trial Practice General Committee, Vice Chair, 2024 – 2025

Areas of Focus

Industries: Aviation & Aerospace; Construction; Insurance

Services: Complex Tort & General Casualty; Insurance Coverage Litigation & Counseling;
Litigation & Trial

Experience

- Represented an aircraft owner recovering a jet involved in a dispute with a charter operator – successfully coordinated aircraft repossession in another jurisdiction the charter operator wrongfully held.
- Obtained judgment in favor of an aircraft repair facility that brought suit to foreclose on liens performed on an aircraft.
- Represented a South American regional airline in acquiring a multimillion-dollar US-registered aircraft.
- Obtained multiple summary judgments in favor of our client involving various toxic tort matters where the plaintiffs alleged exposure to various chemicals arising from an oil spill caused certain chronic conditions.
- Obtained multiple voluntary dismissals with prejudice in mass tort litigation where an express condition of the dismissals was the payment of costs to our client-defendant.
- Obtained judgment on the pleadings in favor of an insurance carrier in an insurance declaratory judgment action involving a commercial lines policy.

Recognition

- *The Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch™*, Commercial Litigation, 2023 – 2026; Litigation – Construction, 2024 – 2026
- Wake Forest University School of Law, *The Wake Forest Journal of Law and Policy*, Business Editor

Credentials

Education

Wake Forest University School of Law, JD, 2015

Clark University, MPA, 2012

Clark University, BA, 2011

Bar Admissions

Florida

Court Admissions

US Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Florida

US District Court for the Middle District of Florida

US District Court for the Northern District of Florida

US District Court for the Southern District of Florida

Interests

Did you know...

Peter was twice inducted into his high school's sports hall of fame, individually and as part of its first state championship team. He might have become a college baseball coach if he had not chosen law.

Thought Leadership

Publications

- “Air Ambulances and the Airline Deregulation Act: Two Typical Ways Plaintiff’s Counsel Tries to Avoid Federal Preemption,” DRI’s *For the Defense*, December 2018
- “*Narayanan v. British Airways*: When the Ninth Circuit ‘Leaves No Room for Flexibility,’ the Court Means It,” DRI’s *For the Defense*, December 2016

In The News

- Hinshaw Attorneys Jurman, Anderson, and Lewis Author Byline on Insurance Implications for Leased Aircraft Currently Seized by Russia, Sep 8, 2022

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
- 101 Hinshaw Lawyers Recognized in 2024 Editions of Best Lawyers in America and Ones to Watch, Aug 17, 2023
- Hinshaw Announces Election of Eleven New Partners In Seven U.S. Offices, Jan 3, 2023
- Eighty-Seven Hinshaw Lawyers Recognized in 2023 Editions of Best Lawyers in America and Ones to Watch, Aug 18, 2022