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Peter has co-chaired Dorsey's intellectual property litigation group and conducts patent, trademark, copyright, trade secret, and other unfair competition and technology-related litigation.

Peter has won appellate arguments in the Federal Circuit and the Third, Seventh, Eighth and Ninth Circuit courts of appeals. He also serves as Dorsey Claims Counsel responsible for any litigation involving the firm.

Select Experience

- *Cave Consulting Group v. OptumInsight, Inc.* (Fed. Cir. and N.D. Cal.) (obtained reversal of district court judgment based on alleged patent infringement by obtaining claim construction eliminating claims from multiple patents)
- *Solutran, Inc. v. US Bancorp et. al.* (Fed. Cir. and D. Minn.) (co-counsel in obtaining reversal of district court judgment based on alleged patent infringement)
- *In re USB Portable Storage Devices* (I.T.C.) (persuaded I.T.C. claimants to dismiss patent proceedings without any payment or other concession on eve of trial)
- *One-Blue et al. v. Imation Corp.* (D. Del.) (defended multiple patent actions relating to standards-essential patents for Blu-ray discs, resulting in only minimal payments in each case)

Court Admissions

- U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Federal, Third, Fourth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, and Tenth Circuits

Professional Affiliations

- Member, American Intellectual Property Law Association
- Minnesota Intellectual Property Law Association

Education

- Yale Law School (J.D., 1980)
- Princeton University (A.B., Princeton School of Public and International Affairs, 1976)

Bar Admissions

- Minnesota

Pro Bono Work

- On behalf of Minnesota Civil Liberties Union, effectuated shutdown of charter school using public funds to operate as an Islamic institution in violation of the First Amendment Establishment clause
- Provides Conciliation Court services to pro bono low-income clients

Charitable & Civic Involvement

Other Activities

- Board of Friends of the Hennepin County Library
- Volunteer Lawyers Network participant in Conciliation Court clinic
- Age group winner of sprint triathlons, including Minneapolis and St. Paul

Accolades

- *Best Lawyers in America*®, Intellectual Property Litigation, Patent Litigation, Minneapolis, 2011-2026
- *Minnesota Monthly*, "Top Lawyers in Minnesota," 2024, 2026
- *IAM Patent 1000*, "World's Leading Patent Professionals," 2023-2026
- MSBA, North Star Lawyer, 2022-2025
- Who's Who in American Law
- American Civil Liberties Union of Minnesota Earl Larson Award, 2011
- Consistently providing pro bono legal assistance to those in need through Dorsey's Pro Bono program

Select Presentations

- "Trade Secrets," biannual MSBA Presentations on Business Torts
- "Construing the Claims: Strategic Checklist for Success," 2006 Midwest IP Institute
- "Using, Misusing, and Deconstructing Surveys in Trademark Litigation," 2002 Midwest IP Institute
- "Defending Trademark Preliminary Injunction Motions in Minnesota," 2001 MSBA Conference on Trademark Law
- "Internet Issues in State Courts," 2000 Minnesota Annual Conference of Judges

Insights

June 21, 2023

Dorsey Lawyers Step in as Pro Bono Referees

May 24, 2017

Dorsey Partner Peter Lancaster Comments on TC Heartland Venue Change

