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Practice Areas

- Appellate & Supreme Court
- Bankruptcy, Insolvency & Restructuring

Education

- Duke University School of Law, J.D., 1990
- Boston College, A.B., *cum laude*, 1987

Bar Admissions

- Massachusetts
- Illinois

Court Admissions

- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Tax Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- U.S. District Court -- Colorado
- U.S. District Court -- Massachusetts
- U.S. District Court -- Eastern District of Michigan
- U.S. District Court -- Central District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court -- Northern District of Illinois

Affiliations

American Bar Association

American Bankruptcy Institute

Chair, Bankruptcy Committee of the Seventh Circuit Bar Association

The Lawyers Club of Chicago

Turnaround Management Association

Awards & Honors

- Chambers and Partners USA, 2022-2024
- Martindale Hubbell, AV Rating
- Illinois Leading Lawyer, Law Bulletin Publishing Company, 2018
- Super Lawyers, 2005-2022
- Best Lawyers in America, 2012-2025

Pete represents clients in all matters of commercial insolvency, including bankruptcies, workouts, receiverships, assignments for the benefit of creditors, UCC Article 9 sales, and related litigation. He develops workout strategies for debtors and creditors, formulates and executes plans of reorganization, navigates asset sales in distressed situations, and litigates cases in state and federal courts. He has extensive trial and appellate experience, including several appeals before the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

Pete typically works with debtors, creditors' committees, trustees, equity receivers, assignees for the benefit of creditors, prospective buyers of distressed assets, financial institutions, equipment lessors, landlords, and trade creditors. His clients come from a range of industries, including construction, health care, lending, manufacturing, real estate, retailing, wholesaling, collectibles, jewelry, furniture, trucking, and biotechnology.

Pete has been recognized by Chambers and Partners USA, Super Lawyers, and Best Lawyers in America. He has an AV rating from Martindale Hubble and has been named an Illinois Leading Lawyer by the Law Bulletin Publishing Company.

Pete earned his J.D. from Duke University School of Law and his A.B. *cum laude* from Boston College.

Experience

Secured affirmance of Capital Factors, Inc.'s successful challenge to the payment of critical vendors in the Kmart bankruptcy.

Defended a publicly traded biotechnology company in an arbitration that resulted in a denial of claims totaling \$20 million for breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty, and deceptive business practices.

Represented Florsheim Group, Inc., a national shoe retailer with 165 locations, in its Chapter 11 case and related disputes with landlords and attorneys general over subsequent store closing sales.

Represented a publicly traded jewelry retailer in an out-of-court workout of trade debt exceeding \$40 million.

Represented Bachrach Clothing, Inc., a national clothing retailer, in its Chapter 11 bankruptcy and the going concern auction sale of its assets.

Represented ABC-NACO Inc., a publicly traded Chicago-based railroad parts manufacturer, in the Chapter 11 auction sale of its assets and the subsequent wind down of its affairs.

Represented Deluxe Pattern Corporation, an automotive supplier, in its Chapter 11 bankruptcy case.

Represented several unsecured creditors, including the City of Boston, in the Chapter 11 bankruptcy case of United Airlines, Inc.

Represented the Chapter 7 Trustee of The Kirk Corporation, one of Chicagoland's largest homebuilders.

Represented Equiguard, Inc., an extended service contract administrator, in its Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

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Represented Coquina Investments in the bankruptcy case of Rothstein, Rosenfeldt & Adler, P.A., reported to be the largest Ponzi scheme in Florida history and involving approximately \$1.2 billion in claims.

Represented several car dealers in the bankruptcy case of Automotive Professionals, Inc., a vehicle service contract provider.

Represented the assignee for the benefit of creditors of Rotonics Manufacturing, Inc.

Represented one of the revolving lenders collectively defending claims in excess of \$750 million in the Fontainebleau Las Vegas bankruptcy case.

Represented the fee examiner appointed in the Chapter 9 bankruptcy case of the City of Detroit.

Represented the Chapter 7 Trustee of Buttonwood Group Trading, Inc., a futures and equity securities trader.

Represented McDonalds Corporation in the Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases of Blockbuster, Inc. and General Growth Properties, Inc.

Represented the equity holders of Indianapolis Downs, LLC, an Indiana racino, in its Chapter 11 bankruptcy case and related contested proceedings.

Served as conflict counsel to subsidiaries of Toys "R" Us, Inc. (Giraffe Holdings, LLC, Giraffe Junior Holdings, LLC and Toys "R" Us Property Company II, LLC) in their Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases.

Successfully defended a hedge fund against attempted cash collateral use in the bankruptcy case of ArgonCredit LLC.

Successfully defended a national bank against a fraudulent transfer suit prosecuted by an insurance company.

Represented the federal equity receiver of Iowa Pacific Holdings, LLC, San Luis & Rio Grande Railroad, Inc., and Mt. Hood Railroad Company.