

Peter Bilowz

Counsel

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Peter is a litigator focusing in the areas of construction and bankruptcy. He represents clients in state and federal courts in a variety of litigation matters involving construction contracts, transportation, land use, director and officer litigation, insolvency matters and complex commercial disputes.

In his construction law practice, Peter primarily works with real estate developers and owners, drafting, negotiating and enforcing complex contracts for the design, construction and redevelopment of commercial real estate properties. His work largely centers on contracts for retail, mixed-use, hotel and office properties.

In his restructuring practice, Peter represents Chapter 11 debtors, creditors' committees, secured and unsecured creditors in connection with bankruptcy proceedings, businesses in distressed asset sales and lenders throughout the country.

Chambers USA reports that "Peter is tremendous, particularly when it comes to analyzing complex information. A very capable attorney, he proactively and instinctively knows what to do and how to do it." Prior to joining the firm, Peter worked as a law clerk for the Honorable Joan N. Feeney of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Massachusetts.

Accolades

- *Chambers USA*, Bankruptcy/Restructuring, Massachusetts, 2020-2022 (Band 4)
- *Boston Magazine* Top Lawyers, Construction Litigation, 2021
- Massachusetts Super Lawyers "Rising Stars," 2006 - 2012
- Chambers USA, "America's Leading Business Lawyers," 2010-2011

Affiliations

- American Bankruptcy Institute
- American Bar Association

- Boston Bar Association
 - BBA Financial Literacy Committee
 - BBA Large Firm Pro Bono Committee
- Turnaround Management Association

Peter is admitted to practice in Massachusetts, the US Court of Appeals, 1st and 9th circuits and US District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan

Admissions

- Massachusetts
- U.S. Court of Appeals, First Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan

Education

- Boston College Law School (J.D., *cum laude*, 2001)
- College of the Holy Cross (B.A., *cum laude*, 1994)

Representative Matters

Commercial Litigation Matter for Owner of Large Commercial Solar Power Project in Cape Cod, Massachusetts

Represented the owner of a large commercial solar power project spanning towns on Cape Cod and Islands in connection with a complex commercial litigation matter involving the contractor and multiple sub-contractors.

Immigration Assistance for Iraqi Soldier / U.S. Army Interpreter

Assisted an Iraqi soldier, who acted as an interpreter for the United States Army, apply for, and receive, a visa so that he may stay in the US following his service.

Liquidation Trustee for Former Owner of Luxury Resort Properties

Counsel to the Liquidation Trustee for MS Resorts, former owner of luxury resort properties in California, Arizona, Hawaii and Florida.

Bob's Stores Chapter 11 Business Sale

Counsel to Bob's Stores, a 35-store sports apparel retailer, involving the successful sale of its business in Chapter 11.

Arthur D. Little, Inc. Chapter 11 Business Sale

Counsel to Arthur D. Little, Inc., a global consulting company, and its affiliates, involving the successful disposition of its business units to five separate purchasers in Chapter 11.

Omni Facility Services Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Proceeding

Counsel to Omni Facility Services, Inc. and its affiliates, a commercial facility maintenance business, in their Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceeding.

Creditors' Committee of Biotransplant

Counsel to the official creditors' committee of Biotransplant Inc., a biotech company, in Chapter 11.

Bay State Paper Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Proceeding

Counsel to Bay State Paper in its Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceeding.

Plan Trustee and Committee Initiating and Prosecuting Bankruptcy Litigation Actions

Counsel to a plan trustee and committee in initiating and prosecuting numerous bankruptcy litigation actions.

Landlords in Various Retailer Chapter 11 Cases

Representation of landlords in the Chapter 11 cases of KB Toys, Filene's Basement, Circuit City, and Ritz Camera.

National Bank Class Action Bankruptcy Litigation

Representation of a national bank in class action bankruptcy litigation.

Real Estate Lender in Receivership and Bankruptcy of Several Affiliated Borrowers

Representation of real estate lender in the receivership and bankruptcy of several affiliated borrowers.

Owners in Complex Construction Litigation

Representation of owners in complex construction litigation.

National Real Estate Developers in Bankruptcy Proceedings of Construction Company

Representation of national real estate developers in the bankruptcy proceedings of a construction company.

National Real Estate Developer Commercial Dispute

Representation of national real estate developer in commercial dispute.

National Retailer in Transportation Litigation

Representation of a national retailer in transportation litigation.

National Lender Bankruptcy Litigation

Representation of national lender in bankruptcy litigation.

Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors Chapter 11 Bankruptcy of Elephant & Castle Restaurant Chain

Representation of the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors in Chapter 11 bankruptcy of the Elephant & Castle restaurant chain.

Debtors in Magic Brands (Fuddruckers)

Representation of the Debtors in Magic Brands (Fuddruckers).

Publications

April 1, 2020

Massachusetts Significantly Limits Types of Construction Projects Permitted as COVID-19 Essential Services

March 27, 2020

COVID-19 Update: Non-Essential Construction in New York Suspended

March 16, 2020

Construction Suspension (MA) - COVID-19

December 2017

Lawyers Clearinghouse Pro Bono Victory

Community

A believer that all people deserve equal access to justice, Peter gives generously of his time in coordinating Goulston & Storrs' Lawyers Clearinghouse Legal Clinic program. Peter organizes 3 annual legal services clinics, where he ensures that homeless and low-income individuals receive the legal assistance they need.

In this long-time leadership position, he oversees all aspects of allocating pro bono matters from this program to the firm's attorneys. He assigns and advises up to 25 cases annually, on pressing topics ranging from immigration, security, housing and other support services.

Peter also donates his time with the Volunteer Lawyers Project where he helps match legal representation with individuals with the complicated bankruptcy process.

Finally, Peter has been very involved in IRAP (the International Refugee Asylum Project), where he aids Iraqi and Afghanistan refugees with their applications for immigration visas for entry into the United States.