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Licensed in both Canada and the United States, Peter provides legal services to start-ups and established national and international businesses. Peter heads the firm's technology, franchise and privacy law groups.

Education

University of Toronto, B.A.

Queen's University, LL.B.

Called to the Bar in Ontario, 1988; New York, 2005

About

Peter works primarily with Canadian, US and international businesses involved in the technology, manufacturing and services sectors. Many of his clients are household names in the franchise sector. He has decades of experience in mergers and acquisitions of businesses. He advises clients on matters relating to cybersecurity, disaster recovery plans, privacy and anti-spam, including PIPEDA, Privacy Shield and GDPR compliance. Peter is a trusted advisor, lawyer and attorney to Presidents and CEO's on matters relating to business acquisitions, strategic business decisions, product licensing, distribution agreements, franchise disclosure and other issues that affect enterprise viability, survival, and prosperity.

He has received an Osgoode Certificate in Negotiating and Drafting IT Agreements and an Osgoode Certificate in Blockchains, SmartContracts and the law. He is a member of the Canadian Technology Law Association, TechAlliance, Toronto Computer Lawyers Group, Legal Hackers, and Blockchain Canada. He serves on the Board of Directors of 1855 Accelerator, City Flow Project, a number of foreign-owned Canadian entities, and on the Non-Executive board of Learning Enterprises Organization Ltd. (UK). Peter served as the only Canadian member of the Franchise Advisory Board of the North American Securities Administrators Association, and as Canadian Governmental Expert to the International Organization for the Unification of Private International Law (UNIDROIT) in Rome in connection with the development by UNIDROIT of a model international franchise law. He has prior experience with litigation and insolvency law, with reported decisions in the Tax Court of Canada, the Canadian International Trade Tribunal, and the Ontario Superior Court (In Bankruptcy). He is the author of Franchise Legislation in Canada (Thomson Reuters), the first and leading annotation of Canadian franchise legislation.



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Memberships and Associations

- Canadian Technology Law Association, Member
- Tech Alliance, Member
- Toronto Computer Lawyers Group, Member
- Legal Hackers, Member
- Blockchain Canada, Member
- American Bar Association Forum on Franchising, Member
- Canadian Bar Association, Past Member
- Canadian Franchise Association, Past Member
- Franchise Law Group, Commercial Law Affiliates, Commercial Law Affiliates, Past Chairman
- Ontario Bar Association, Past Member, Executive of the Ontario Bar Association Subcommittee on Franchising, Government Liaison

Awards and Recognition

Peter has received the following distinguished appointments:

- By the Deputy Attorney General for the State of Maryland to the Franchise and Business Opportunities Advisory Board of NASSA (the North American Securities Administrators Association) in Washington, D.C., as the only non-American representative.
- By the Government of Canada to the Committee of Governmental Experts of UNIDROIT (the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law) in Rome, in connection with the preparation by UNIDROIT of a Model Franchise Law recommended for adoption by all nations.

In Autumn 2022, Peter was named to the Mondaq Thought Leadership Awards in Data Protection for his authorship of Data Privacy Comparative Guide

Peter is named in the Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory as a consistently recommended practitioner for his expertise in assisting franchisor-side law.

Listed in Who's Who Legal

Named "Franchise Lawyer of the Year – Canada" in 2017 by CorporateINTL

Notable Work and Decisions

Prior experience with litigation an insolvency law, with reported decisions in the Tax Court of Canada, the Canadian International Trade Tribunal, and the Ontario Superior Court (In Bankruptcy).



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Publications and Speaking

- Franchise Legislation in Canada, Canada's leading legal commentary on provincial franchise legislation, published by Canada Law Book.
- Contributing Editor to the Lexis/Nexis Siskinds Netletter on Franchise Law
- Contributing Editor to the Journal of Franchise and Distribution
- Author of more than 40 other published articles

Community Involvement

- Tech Alliance, Board of Directors
- 1855 Accelerator, Board of Directors
- Neighbourhood Association, President
- London Community Foundation, Past Director
- Junior Achievement, Past Director