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## Overview

Peter tries commercial and personal injury lawsuits at the trial and appellate level, and represents creditors in bankruptcy proceedings. He taught in the public schools for 15 years prior to going to law school. His experience as a teacher translates well when speaking to a judge and jury in the courtroom.

## Published Opinions

- Samuel and Shawn Calvillo, et al v. Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, et al; 487 S.W.3d 626 (Tex. App. – El Paso 2015, petition pending).
- Wells Fargo Bank. N.A. v. Wolf, 444 S.W. 3d 685 (Tex. App. – Houston [14th Dist.] 2014, no pet.)
- McLane v. New Caney Oaks Apartments, 416 S.W. 3d 115 (Tex. App. – Beaumont 2013, no pet.)
- Howard Industries, Inc. v. Crown Cork & Seal Co., LLC, 403 S.W. 3d 347 (Tex. App. – [Houston 1st Dist.] 2013, no pet.)
- Martin v. New Century Mort. Co., et al; 377 S.W.3d 79 (Tex. App. – Houston [1st Dist.] 2012, no pet.)
- Johnston v. Oiltanking Houston, L.P., 367 S.W. 3d 412 (Tex. App. - Houston [14th Dist.] 2012, no pet.)
- Lazell v. Stone, 123 S.W. 3d 6 (Tex. App. – Houston [1st. Dist.] 2003, pet. denied)
- State v. Japage Partnership, 80 S.W.3d 618 (Tex. App. – Houston [1st Dist.] 2002, pet. denied

## Education

Indiana University, B.S., 1975

Indiana University, M.S., 1980

University of Houston, J.D., 1992

## Practice Areas

Appellate

Bankruptcy and Creditor Rights

Commercial Litigation

Insurance and Personal Injury

## Community Involvement

Peter taught in the public schools for 15 years. During that time, he also coached football and basketball. Peter served as a board member of his community's homeowners association for several years.

## Admissions

Texas, 1992

United States District Court for the  
Northern, Southern, Eastern and Western  
Districts of Texas

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit