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Peter Felsenfeld has a diverse litigation practice representing businesses, individuals and insurance companies in complex litigation matters. He has served as coverage counsel for major commercial general liability and professional liability insurers throughout the United States.

A significant portion of Peter's practice is dedicated to matters of insurance bad faith, rescission, coverage disputes and ERISA benefit claims in the life, health and disability areas. In addition, Peter has litigated numerous contractual disputes and employment matters, including wage and hour, misclassification and wrongful termination cases.

Peter joined the firm in October 2014 as a result of the merger of Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP and Los Angeles-based Barger & Wolen LLP, where he had worked since graduating from law school in 2008.

Prior to embarking on his legal career, Peter worked as a news reporter for the *Contra Costa Times* (now, *East Bay Times*), which boasted a daily circulation of approximately 200,000. In that capacity he covered regional and statewide government and politics for the publication, including in-depth investigative reporting on the state's public employee pension system.

Peter is the editor of Hinshaw's *LHD/ERISA Advisor*, a newsletter focusing on legal developments in the life, health and disability areas.

Professional Affiliations

- The State Bar of California

Publications

- Contributing Author, "Managed Care Litigation," *ABA Health Law Section*, 2018 – 2020 Editions
- Co-Author, "Pros and Cons of Public Agency Captives," *Risk Management*, February 2016
- "Compliance: Employers Closely Watching Supreme Court's ruling in *Canning*," *InsideCounsel*, March 2014
- Co-Author, "The Rise and Fall of Captive Reinsurers in the Mortgage Market," *Risk Management*, February 2014

Practices

Labor & Employment
Life, Health, Disability & ERISA
Litigation
Litigation Management

Industries

Health Care
Insurance & Reinsurance
Insurance Coverage
Insurer Litigation — Bad Faith/
Extra-Contractual

Education

J.D., *cum laude*, University of
California Hastings Law, 2008
B.A., San Francisco State
University, 2000

Admissions

California
U.S. Court of Appeals for the
Ninth Circuit
U.S. District Court for the
Central, Eastern, Northern, and
Southern Districts of California



- Co-Author, "Companies Increasingly Look To Captive Insurance," *Daily Journal*, November 14, 2013

Media Mentions

- "High Sovereignty Stakes in Card Dealer Case," quoted with regard to NLRB decision that blackjack dealers in Native American Casino can unionize, *Workforce*, October 14, 2013

Community/Civic Activities

- Temple Beth Sholom in San Leandro, California, Board of Directors