



Peter A. Talevich

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OVERVIEW

Peter Talevich is a partner in the firm's Seattle office whose practice focuses on complex commercial disputes.

Peter has assisted clients in a broad variety of litigation matters. He has successfully litigated or settled cases involving such diverse areas as:

- Consumer lending litigation, including representation of national banks, loan servicers, and entities associated with residential mortgages;
- Post-employment restrictive covenants;
- Trade secrets;
- Probate, trusts, and estates, including litigation under the Trusts and Estates Dispute Resolution Act (TEDRA), representing beneficiaries and fiduciaries; and
- Constitutional law and civil rights, including multiple cases involving significant First Amendment implications.

Peter also has significant mediation and arbitration experience. He assists clients in all aspects of their cases, including fact and expert discovery, motions practice, drafting pleadings and briefs, alternative dispute resolution, and trial.

Peter is a member of the Appellate practice group and has participated in matters before the Washington Court of Appeals, the Washington Supreme Court, the Fifth and Ninth Circuit Courts of Appeals, and the United States Supreme Court. Peter has successfully argued appeals before Division I and Division II of the Washington Court of Appeals.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Peter has worked for the firm since 2011. He is the Board President of the Campaign for Equal Justice, Washington's unified fund drive for civil legal aid and a program of the Legal Foundation of Washington. The Campaign funds more than 40 nonprofit legal aid providers every year. Peter also serves on the Seattle University Board of Regents, a group of volunteer leaders who serve as an advisory board to the President of the university and act as ambassadors to the campus community and beyond. Since 2014, Peter has served as editor-in-chief

of the Washington Lawyers Practice Manual, a comprehensive treatise summarizing Washington law. Peter is a former Chair of the King County Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division and has been awarded the King County Bar Association's Outstanding Young Lawyer Award (2018) and President's Award (2014). He has been recognized as a "Rising Star" by Washington Law and Politics every year since 2013.

Peter has provided extensive pro bono services to clients throughout his career. For nearly a decade he volunteered for the Housing Justice Project Legal Clinic at King County Superior Court representing tenants facing eviction. Peter's pro bono focus now lies with assisting survivors of sex trafficking to vacate prior criminal convictions and obtain a clean slate. Earlier in his career, Peter has served as counsel to plaintiffs in a widely publicized civil rights case filed in the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington, and in another case, successfully defended an individual client in a contentious tort proceeding on a pro bono basis. Peter has served the firm by serving on the associate liaison committee and the diversity committee.

Peter was a summer associate at K&L Gates in 2009. Prior to joining the firm, he served as a judicial extern to the Honorable Thomas S. Zilly, United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington, and as a research assistant to Professor John McKay.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for work in Commercial Litigation, 2023-2024
- Named to the Washington Rising Stars list, 2013-2023
- Recipient of King County Bar Association Outstanding Young Lawyer Award, 2018
- Recipient of the King County Bar Association President's Award, 2014
- Winner of 2009 National Burton Award for Distinguished Writing
- Recipient of Dean's Medal, Seattle University School of Law, 2009
- CALI Awards for Future Excellence in Property, Civil Procedure, Contracts, Legal Writing I, Constitutional Law, Evidence, Business Entities, Individual Income Taxation, Criminal Procedure Investigative, and Trial Advocacy
- Obtained Certified Legal Project Manager (LawVision) Certification, 2018

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Board President, Campaign for Equal Justice of the Legal Foundation of Washington (board member since 2018).
- Chair, King County Bar Association Young Lawyers Division, 2015-2016; Vice Chair, 2014-2015, Trustee, 2013-2016
- Editor in Chief, King County Bar Association Washington Lawyers Practice Manual (2012 through present)
- King County Prosecutor Fellowship (2014) (represented the state of Washington in several felony jury trials)

- United Way of King County, Emerging Leader Promotor and Member, Legal Steering Committee
- Seattle University School of Law Alumni Board, Development Committee Member
- 2017 Chair, Alumni Steering Committee for Seattle University School of Law Public Interest Law Foundation Auction

ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND

- Editor-in-chief, Washington Lawyers Practice Manual (2014-present)
- Contributing author, ABA Section on Intellectual Property Law, Annual Trade Secret Law Report (2014-2015)

EDUCATION

- J.D., Seattle University School of Law, 2009 (*summa cum laude*; *first in class*. *Executive Editor at Large and Editor Emeritus, Seattle University Law Review*; *Dean's List, 2006-2009*) *Emeritus, Seattle University Law Review*; *Dean's List, 2006-2009*)
- B.A., University of Notre Dame, 2006 (*cum laude*)

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of Washington
- Supreme Court of the United States
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Washington
- United States District Court for the Western District of Washington

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP POWERED BY HUB

- 31 March 2020, COVID-19: Impact on Consumer Financial Service Providers

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Author, Note, *During and In Relation To: How the Ninth Circuit Rewrote a Statute in the Case of the Millennium Bomber*, 32 SEATTLE U. L. REV. 477 (2009)

NEWS & EVENTS

- 18 August 2022, More Than 350 K&L Gates Lawyers Named Among 2023 Best Lawyers in America, Ones to Watch
- 25 June 2021, Pro Bono CLE and Training - Amazon and K&L Gates: Clearing Criminal Records of Survivors of Sex Trafficking & Domestic Violence
- 21 February 2019, K&L Gates Names 24 New Partners Across Four Continents

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Commercial Disputes
- Appellate Litigation
- Financial Institutions and Services Litigation
- Health Care Payor-Provider Disputes (U.S.)
- IP Litigation
- Securities and Transactional Litigation