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Peter is a dynamic business lawyer specializing in corporate transactions. As a member of the Firm's Corporate Department, he advises clients on mergers & acquisitions, venture capital investments, equity and convertible note financings for startup and emerging growth companies and outside general counsel matters. His clients range from technology, media, consumer product and cannabis companies, as well as other small and mid-cap corporations and financial institutions.

Peter is also well versed in commercial transactions that involve licensing, shareholder rights, vendor and consumer services, corporate governance and executive employment.

He runs deals from beginning to end, while working closely with his clients, many of whom also call upon Peter to provide outside general counsel services both before and after transactions.

Peter's deep understanding of his client's businesses, respective risk tolerance and the legal issues most relevant to them is invaluable. It allows him to help companies seamlessly adapt to rapidly changing markets. Peter applies an execution-oriented approach to the practice of law that facilitates the efficient management of his clients' growth, corporate structures, intellectual property and financial discipline. Super Lawyers has named Peter a Rising Star in multiple years, and he is sought after for his legal and business commentary.

Prior to law school, Peter served as a Surface Warfare Officer in the United States Navy, aboard the USS Denver (LPD-9), deploying twice in support of both Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. During his service, Peter attained the rank of Lieutenant Commander and was awarded two Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medals and a Navy-Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

While in law school, Peter was a member of the Fordham Journal of Corporate and Financial Law and the Brendan Moore Trial Advocacy Center.

#### **Education**

Fordham University School of Law, J.D. Tulane University, B.A.

### **Admissions**

Massachusetts New Jersey New York

#### **Practice Areas**

Corporate Mergers & Acquisitions Startups & Emerging Companies Venture Capital

#### Industries

Cannabis Consumer Goods & Services FinTech HealthTech Media & Entertainment Publishing Software-as-a-Service



## Affiliations

American Legion

Fordham University Alumni Association

**Tulane Alumni Association** 

Chaminade Lawyers' Association

## **Speaking Engagements**

Moderator, Military Pitch Event

## **Publications**

You Sold Your Company, Now What?

Key Considerations When Entering into an M&A Transaction

NFT Basics Explained

Forming Special Purpose Entities to Gain Exposure to Private Cryptocurrency Funds

Celebrity Endorsements and Cryptocurrency—A Cautionary Tale, Bloomberg Law

New York's Push for Legalized Cannabis: We've Heard This Story Before, Cannabis Industry Journal

Memo To Would-Be Cannabis Entrepreneurs: Be Diligent, Marijuana Venture