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PARTNER AND CO-GENERAL COUNSEL

Charles (“Chip”) Peters serves as the Co-General Counsel for the firm and Co-Chair of the firm’s Professional Conduct Committee.



Industries

Beverage & Food
Consumer Products

Practices

Communications & Technology
Complex Litigation
Patent
Trade Secrets, Noncompetes & Employee Mobility

Education

Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law, JD, cum laude, 1986

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Chip teaches Professional Responsibility and Ethics as an adjunct professor at Northwestern Pritzker School of Law. He previously led the firm’s Litigation and Dispute Resolution Group.

Chip’s practice places a particular emphasis on the telecommunications industry and he has successfully defended major telecommunications companies in a wide variety of matters, including class actions involving alleged violations of consumer protection statutes, such as the Fair Credit Reporting Act and the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, antitrust laws, constitutional provisions, and other state and federal laws.

Chip has also represented a variety of other businesses in a wide array of commercial litigation, including trade secret disputes, dealer terminations, breach of contract claims, and alleged frauds.

Chip looks for ways to resolve disputes in an efficient manner when possible. If necessary, however, he has significant trial experience. He has represented major corporations, public entities, and other organizations in multi-week trials in both state and federal courts. He has successfully defended clients at trial against billion-dollar claims and obtained multi-million verdicts on behalf of other clients. He has also represented numerous entities in preliminary injunction hearings and other matters involving expedited emergency relief.

Boards, Memberships & Certifications

- Treasurer and Board Member, James B. Moran Center for Youth Advocacy
- Chicago Council of Lawyers, former member of Board of Directors and former chair of State Court Practice Committee
- American Bar Association, Litigation Division, Communications Law Forum
- International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolutions, former member of E-Discovery Neutrals Training Committee
- Chip serves on the boards of the Legal Aid Society of Chicago and the James B. Moran Center for Youth Advocacy, and on the advisory board of the Center on Wrongful Convictions.

Professional Activities

Chip has handled numerous matters on a pro bono basis. The organizations with whom he has worked on pro bono matters include the American Civil Liberties Union, the Center for Constitutional Rights, Chicago Volunteer Legal Services Foundation, the Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago, the James B. Moran Center for Youth Advocacy, and the Uptown People's Law Center.

Publications, Presentations & Recognitions

Chip's recent speeches include:

- "We've Got a Problem: Recognizing and Resolving Unexpected Conflicts," ALAS Annual General Meeting, Chicago, Ill. (Jun. 24, 2021)
- "Staying Out of Trouble: Ethical Necessities 2018," Practising Law Institute Seminar, Chicago, Ill. (May. 14, 2018)
- "Chief Responsibilities of General Counsel and Loss Prevention Partners," (panelist) ALAS New General Counsel Conference, Chicago, Ill. (Apr. 12, 2018)
- "Ethics: Legal Risks for Law Firm and Internal Corporate Counsel," 37th Annual Ray Garrett Jr. Corporate & Securities Law Institute, Chicago, Ill. (Apr. 28, 2017)

Chip's recent recognitions include:

- *Illinois Super Lawyers*, Thomson Reuters (2009, 2011, 2013-2021)
- Illinois Leading Lawyer, Law Bulletin's *Illinois Leading Lawyers Network* (2006-2021)

Bar Admissions

Illinois

Court Admissions

US Supreme Court
US Court of Appeals, 7th Circuit
US District Court, Northern District of Illinois
US District Court, Central District of Illinois