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Professional Experience

Peter Hessler represents a variety of clients — companies, individuals, and non-profits – who face challenges and opportunities in litigation, either in situations where the clients are drawn into court or where clients are left with no alternative but to pursue legal action. Peter navigates his clients through the entire process, seeking the most effective and economical way to achieve their objectives. Peter is committed to being a part of the solution, not a part of the problem, facing his clients.

As examples, Peter has assisted clients in resolving:

- A nationwide class action case claiming fraudulent practices
- An internet patent infringement case
- Multiple actions filed by a foundation seeking to enforce several “submarine patents”
- A deceptive advertising claim filed against a medical institution
- Medical negligence claims against a provider of plastic surgical services
- A protracted dispute between two organizations operating a school
- A major dispute between two large manufacturers

Peter also serves as counsel and advisor to several non-profit organizations, including:

- The Ohio District Lutheran Church Extension Fund
- The Ohio District of the Lutheran Church: Missouri Synod

- The Cleveland Lutheran High School Association
- Lutheran Home at Concord Reserve

Peter is a law firm representative to the Integrated Advisory Group International (IAG) and serves clients abroad in matters relating both to business and litigation.

Practice Areas

- Estates and Trusts
- Litigation
- Real Estate

Admissions

- State of Ohio (All Courts), 1978
- United States Supreme Court, 1992
- United States Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit, 2004
- United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio, 1978
- United States District Court, Southern District of Ohio, 2005
- Several United States District Courts, pro hac vice

Memberships/Honors/Awards

- Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association
- Ohio State Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- American Trial Lawyers Association
- Presenter, Valparaiso University School of Law – Annual Institute on Law and Ministry, 1998, 2003
- Former Member and Secretary, Commission on Theology & Church Relations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod
- Former Member, President's Advisory Council, Valparaiso University
- Member, National Council of the College of Arts & Sciences, Valparaiso University
- Martindale Hubbell's Highest Possible Rating in Both Legal Ability and Ethical Standards, A-V

Education

- J.D., Valparaiso University, With High Distinction, 1978
- B.A., Valparaiso University, Summa Cum Laude, 1975