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Over more than 30 years of practice, Peter has first-chaired more than 30 trials and arbitrations and has practiced actively in both New York and California. Prior to forming Chaffetz Lindsey, Peter served as the global head of litigation for Clifford Chance from 2004-2008, leading that firm's 600+ lawyer litigation practice and serving on the firm's global management committee.

He has had an outstanding track record handling a broad range of commercial and financial litigation matters including:

- a \$300 million fraud and breach of contract dispute arising from a proposed software licensing arrangement
- post-merger disputes in the telecommunications and insurance markets
- construction disputes
- disputed claims to assets among ponzi scheme victims
- a variety of commercial fraud cases
- fraudulent conveyance disputes
- disputes over priority in bankruptcy
- recovery of back interest on sovereign debt

Peter has also had a role in many of the biggest issues affecting the insurance and reinsurance industry over the past 20 years, including:

- allocation and recoverability of asbestos and environmental claims
- finite risk
- set-off in insolvency

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- enforceability of cut-through endorsements
- workers' compensation carve-out
- surety disputes
- late notice
- litigation against insurance liquidators
- disputes over arbitrability and consolidation.

Peter regularly speaks and publishes. Recent presentations include: *"The Ripple Effect: Future Trends In U.S. Litigation"* (December 2008, Toronto); *"Exploring the Latest Developments in the US and What They Hold for the UK and European Markets"* (September '08, London); *"A Finite Post Mortem: How a Leading Industry Product Became an Enforcement Target"* (RAA Contracts Conference, July '09, New York); *"A View From the Board Room: How The Threat of Litigation Affects Business Decisions"* (US Chamber of Commerce, August 2007, Washington D.C.); *"The Global Reach of U.S. Courts: How Long?"* (June 2007, Paris).

Peter graduated from The University of Chicago Law School in 1978 and Harvard College in 1974. He is admitted to practice in New York and California.