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## PRACTICE AREAS

Personal Injury  
Motor Vehicle Accidents  
Concussions  
Disability Insurance Claims  
Fatalities  
Pedestrian & Cyclist  
Accidents  
Serious Personal Injury  
Slip & Falls

I do my best to give some help to the helpless,  
and some hope to the hopeless.

Peter has over 25 years experience with disability insurance law and personal injury claims. He helps ill and injured clients recover the disability insurance benefits owing to them because they are unable to work, and the compensation they are entitled to for the damages suffered as a result of an accident.

For 20 years Peter acted as defence counsel for automobile, life, and health insurance companies before committing exclusively to advocating for the ill and injured through disability insurance law. His keen understanding of how insurers and their legal counsel assess and value disability claims, combined with his strong reputation and longstanding relationships with insurance companies, helps achieve the best outcome for his ill and injured clients.

Clients appreciate Peter's approach to addressing their specific needs by engaging other specialized lawyers in the firm.

Peter is recognized by [The Best Lawyers in Canada](#) for work in Corporate and Commercial Litigation, Insurance Law, and Personal Injury Litigation



## Education

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**1995** University of Alberta, LLB

**1990** University of Calgary, BA (Honours)

## Admissions

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**1996** Alberta

## Experience

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Peter has litigated virtually all types of disability, illness, and injury claims and is nationally recognized for his expertise, having worked with clients across Canada. He has significant experience with life, critical illness, long-term care, and other health and disability insurance claims, such as accidental death and dismemberment, as well as a variety of commercial litigation matters. He has appeared at all court levels in Alberta and the Federal Court of Canada.

### Representative work:

- Overcame an alleged misrepresentation to obtain critical illness benefits for a client who suffered from Multiple Sclerosis
- Assisted in settling retired clients' motor vehicle injury claims for \$300,000
- Assisted in settling a seriously injured client's motor vehicle injury claim for \$1.75 million dollars
- Obtained an order from the court directing a \$75,000 advance payment to a seriously injured client who needed financial assistance
- Defeated a court application by a disability insurer to strike out a client's disability claim for being out of time
- Negotiated a lump sum settlement for a disability insurance client who needed funds to deal with other debts
- Successfully defended a summary judgment application before the court with respect to a slip and fall incident
- Obtained long-term disability benefits for various clients who suffered from such conditions as MS, depression, Lyme disease, fibromyalgia, chronic fatigue syndrome, chronic pain, anxiety, PTSD, osteoarthritis, autoimmune disorders, musculo-skeletal conditions and injuries
- Assisted in settling injury claims for clients who were attacked and bitten by a dog
- Settled injury claims for clients involved in all types of motor vehicle accidents, bicycle accidents and slip and fall incidents

Keywords: disability insurance benefits; long-term disability; disability law; Calgary life and disability; disability lawyer; short-term disability; disability claim denial; disability insurance lawyer Calgary; disability insurance law; disability insurance claims.

## Recognition

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## Honours and Awards

- Peter is recognized by **The Best Lawyers in Canada** for work in Corporate and Commercial Litigation, Insurance Law, and Personal Injury Litigation (2021-2025).

## Memberships

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- Canadian Bar Association
- Calgary Bar Association
- Law Society of Alberta

## Community

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- Feed the Hungry  
Volunteer
- Basketball and hockey  
Volunteer coach
- Community fundraising  
Master of ceremonies

## Teaching Roles & Speaking Engagements

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### SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

#### COMMENTARY

'FOCUS ON THE PEOPLE' FEATURE ON MANAGING MENTAL HEALTH DISABILITY CLAIMS - SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM DISABILITY INSURANCE CLAIMS

Business In Calgary Magazine

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#### GUEST LECTURER

INSURANCE LAW

University of Calgary Faculty of Law

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#### SPEAKER

LITIGATION POTPOURRI

ACTLA, 2015

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**SPEAKER**

**HOW TO PREPARE FOR MEDIATION**

Legal Education Society of Alberta (LESA), 2015

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**SPEAKER**

**FUNDAMENTALS OF LIFE INSURANCE CLAIMS**

CBA Insurance Section meeting

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**SPEAKER**

**ACCIDENT CLAIMS, DISABILITY CLAIMS, AND CRITICAL ILLNESS**

Canadian Life and Health Insurance Association

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**SPEAKER**

**DISABILITY INSURANCE CLAIMS**

CBA Alberta mid-winter meeting