



Peter C. Catalanotti

Partner

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Peter Catalanotti defends licensed California professionals in civil lawsuits and administrative claims, including real estate brokers, appraisers, lawyers, insurance agents, accountants, engineers, architects, contractors, subcontractors, and miscellaneous professionals and quasi-professionals (principally health care workers). In addition, Peter provides risk management lectures and acts as a private discovery referee for civil cases.

Peter represents employers in discrimination, wage-and-hour and related lawsuits in state and federal court, as well as in administrative claims through the California Civil Rights Department (formerly, the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing), the EEOC and the Department of Industrial Relations (Labor Commissioner).

Finally, Peter represents engineers, architects and general contractors in construction defect cases and lawyers in legal malpractice cases. He also has experience handling partnership disputes, directors and officers litigation, and securities litigation.

Lawyers Malpractice

Peter has been named a Certified Legal Specialist in Legal Malpractice by The State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization. He represents California lawyers in legal malpractice claims, lawsuits and arbitrations, as well as partnership disputes. Peter has been successful at having malpractice lawsuits dismissed at the pleadings stage based on the applicable statute of limitations. If the claim or case is within the statute, Peter immediately focuses directly on the underlying case to determine whether the claimant or plaintiff will be able to prove their “case within the case.” At the same time, Peter works to ascertain the potential damages at an early stage to determine whether settlement is possible.

Real Estate Broker Defense

Peter, a licensed real estate broker, has specialized experience representing real estate

Services

- Accountants
- Employment & Labor
- Design Professionals
- Fair Housing & Discrimination Claims
- Insurance Agents & Brokers
- Lawyers' Liability
- Professional Liability & Services
- Real Estate Professionals
- Specialty Professional Risks

brokers over the past 17 years in residential and commercial property disputes. Peter's cases include defending brokers in cases involving nondisclosure, negligent misrepresentation, intentional misrepresentation, breach of fiduciary duty, title issues and zoning problems. He also represents property managers and leasing agents in disputes with tenants and landlords. Peter is a member of the California Association of Realtor's Strategic Defense Counsel Panel.

Commercial Litigation

Peter has represented for-profit and nonprofit directors and officers of companies in partnership and shareholder disputes, including breach of contract claims. He has represented company officers in litigation filed against the individual officers, the governing board and the entity itself. Peter also has advised clients in securities litigation.

Education

- Temple University James E. Beasley School of Law (J.D., 2003)
- Fairfield University (B.A. in Psychology and Political Science, 1999)

Bar Admissions

- California

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Central District of California

Professional Affiliations

- *California Real Estate Brokers: Law and Litigation*, Continuing Education of the Bar (CEB), Editor, 2026
- Justice & Diversity Center of The Bar Association of San Francisco, Board Member, 2025–2026
- San Francisco Bar Association, Judiciary Committee, Member 2020-2022
- State Bar of California, Real Property Law Section; served as Co-chair of former subsection of Real Estate Sales and Brokerage
- San Francisco Superior Court, Volunteer, 2014-present
- LGBT Equality Committee of the Bar Association of San Francisco (BASF), Co-chair
- Bay Area Lawyers for Individual Freedom (BALIF), Board Member, 2012–2018
- National LGBT Bar Association, Board Member, 2015–2017
- Destination Law School and the LGBT Youth Project, Volunteer

Awards & Honors

- Selected for inclusion in Super Lawyers Rising Stars by Law & Politics Magazine, 2009–2017
- BALIF Mentor of the Year award, 2017
- Diversity Award Recipient, the Barristers Club Diversity Committee of BASF, 2017
- Selected for inclusion in Northern California *Super Lawyers® Rising Stars™*, 2025