



## Peter Chu

Of Counsel

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Peter Chu represents various type of business, including residential care facilities for the elderly, in defending claims of serious injury or wrongful death. With his background in human physiology, Peter easily navigates often terse medical and pharmacological records for exculpatory or incriminating evidence.

In addition to complex tort matters, Peter represents debtors in consumer debt litigations, achieving a quick settlement to help steer clients back on track for financial and credit history recovery. Peter also represents judgment creditors in seeking avenues for recovery or for settlement with difficult judgment debtors.

Peter also represents businesses in intellectual property matters, including copyright infringement. Prior to joining Wilson Elser, he represented businesses, including those in the garment industry, with copyright and trademark registration and infringement matters.

### Education

- Loyola Law School (J.D., 2007)
- University of California, Berkeley (B.S., 1987)
  - with honors

### Bar Admissions

- California

### Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court, Central District of California

### Services

- Art Law
- Complex Tort & General Casualty
- Construction
- Collections
- Cybersecurity & Data Privacy
- Intellectual Property & Technology

## Professional Affiliations

- Los Angeles County Bar Association

## Languages

- Korean

# Representative Matters

Obtained a six-figure settlement in premises liability actions against a major airline and a municipality.

Obtained a high six-figure settlement against a major retailer in an action for copyright infringement for a Korean high-end T-shirt wholesaler.

Successfully negotiated a settlement for an e-cigarette retailer in a lawsuit claiming injury from an exploding battery.

Defended Chinese importer in a consolidated Proposition 65 lawsuit, successfully defeating the plaintiff's motion for summary judgment and then negotiating a settlement well below the damages originally sought by the plaintiff.

# Client Wins

## **Felder and Chu Obtain Summary Judgment under the Trivial Defect Doctrine**

Otis Felder (Partner-Los Angeles, CA) and Peter Chu (Associate-Los Angeles, CA) obtained summary judgment on behalf of a property owner and short-term property management company in a premises liability case where the plaintiff claimed \$1.5 million in damages after tripping and falling on a concrete pathway in the property backyard. The plaintiff, an invitee on a rented property, filed a lawsuit claiming the owners were negligent in failing to properly maintain their vacation rental property. She had walked on the premises including the backyard when she arrived, and after returning from a boating trip while there was still light outside, she tripped and fell on her way toward the jacuzzi. The San Bernardino Superior Court granted summary judgment on the trivial defect doctrine, finding that the alleged dangerous defect was not significant given the differential in the height between two slabs in the backyard and other factors concerning the walkway. Alternatively, the court found that there was not a dispute in the evidence with respect to the two concrete slabs in the backyard, such that it was open and obvious to those who used the walkway.