



## Peter J. Larkin

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Peter Larkin provides legal counsel and representation to businesses of all sizes, with a particular focus on accountants and accounting firms. He is co-chair of Wilson Elser's national Accountants Practice. In addition to professional malpractice defense and commercial disputes, Peter's practice encompasses class actions, federal and state regulatory investigations and proceedings, risk management, ethics proceedings, and transactional matters. He also represents businesses and banking institutions in a wide array of commercial disputes, including matters under the federal and state securities laws, antitrust laws, tax laws and other areas.

Given his strong knowledge of the accounting profession, as well as audit, tax and accounting principles and familiarity with the SEC, PCAOB, DOL, AICPA and various state boards of accountancy, Peter is called upon regularly by accountants facing regulatory inquiries, investigations and other proceedings. Peter also is involved in such diverse areas as securities, antitrust, tax and banking laws, RICO, ERISA, accounting standards, fraud investigations, employment disputes, post-employment restrictive covenants, purchases and sales of professional practices, partnership disputes and separations, and risk management and best practices for accounting and financial professionals. Peter's effectiveness in these matters is built on his ability to not only translate the law for his clients but also fluently communicate the principles of economics, finance and accounting to judges, juries and opposing counsel.

Prior to joining Wilson Elser, Peter was a court attorney and senior court attorney with the New York Appellate Division, Second Department. He earned his undergraduate degree in accounting.

### Accountants

Peter has represented accounting firms of all sizes in hundreds of lawsuits, including numerous class actions, involving the full range of professional services that accountants

### Services

- Accountants
- Class Action
- Commercial Litigation
- Cybersecurity & Data Privacy
- Government Investigations
- Professional Liability & Services
- Canada

provide to their clients. Allegations in these cases have ranged from the failure to detect criminal or fraudulent activity to faulty tax structuring in a major transaction, and from negligence associated with the implementation of a billing system to negligence in tax preparation, estate planning or business valuation. Peter has taken several accounting malpractice cases to trial.

In addition to representing accountants in litigation, Peter assists in the purchase or sale of a practice, partnership disputes and separations, and regulatory, licensing and ethics proceedings; drafts manuals and policies; provides continuing education and risk management presentations; and handles general commercial matters such as real estate and financing transactions, leases and licensing. Peter also has handled regulatory matters, professional licensing and ethics proceedings matters – from initial inquiry through resolution before the SEC, PCAOB, AICPA, IRS, and various state licensing boards and societies.

### **Commercial Litigation**

Peter has represented numerous businesses and banking institutions in a wide array of disputes. Commercial disputes have included matters involving federal and state securities laws, antitrust laws, tax laws, RICO, ERISA and other statutory provisions, breach of contract and fraud, criminal and regulatory review, tax disputes, workers compensation issues, and post-employment disputes. Banking matters have included investigation and removal of officers, bad check cases, customer complaints and TILA matters. Peter also has helped the victims of financial crimes to investigate, evaluate and seek recovery of their losses through direct action against the perpetrator and insurance claims.

### **Education**

- Albany Law School (J.D., *cum laude*, 1993)
- Fordham University (B.S., 1989)

### **Bar Admissions**

- New York

### **Court Admissions**

- Supreme Court of the United States
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of New York

### **Professional Affiliations**

- American Bar Association
- New York State Bar Association, Commercial and Federal Litigation Section

- Federal Bar Council

### **Awards & Honors**

- Named to *Hudson Valley Magazine's* Top Lawyers, 2023

## **Publications**

October 6, 2025

**PLUS Blog Features Cheng, Larkin & Tranen on Using Contracts to Mitigate Risk**

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