

Peter P. Klepacz

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Peter Klepacz represents clients – from early-stage start-ups to multinational corporations – in patent, trademark, copyright, and complex commercial disputes. He brings a hands-on approach to IP litigation strategy, portfolio development, licensing, and freedom-to-operate, noninfringement, and third-party rights analyses. Peter has industry experience spanning pharmaceuticals, diagnostics, medical devices, research tools, sporting goods, cosmetics, and fashion. Since joining Wilson Elser, he has also expanded his practice into aviation law, drawing on his technical background in the sciences.

Peter handles all phases of litigation, from early case strategy and discovery through dispositive motions and trial preparation. He has litigated high-stakes matters in federal courts across the country and before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) and Trademark Trial and Appeal Board (TTAB), including disputes valued in the hundreds of millions of dollars. His background as a former patent prosecutor enables him to understand the patents he litigates from the inside out.

Before joining Wilson Elser, Peter was an associate at an AmLaw 150 firm, where he led discovery and served on trial teams across a wide range of IP and commercial matters. Before that, he worked as a patent prosecution and litigation associate at a boutique IP firm. During law school, Peter served as a judicial intern at the Wisconsin Supreme Court, grounding his practice in rigorous appellate analysis.

A proud first-generation Polish American, Peter is fluent in Polish.

Intellectual Property

Peter brings a distinctive combination of patent prosecution and litigation experience to his IP practice. Having drafted and prosecuted patent applications himself, he has a technical understanding of patent claims that bolsters his litigation work, from claim construction and prior art analysis to expert development and dispositive motions. His practice also encompasses trademark enforcement and opposition proceedings, trade secret misappropriation, and copyright disputes. Peter has litigated high-stakes matters in federal courts and before the PTAB and TTAB across industries including pharmaceuticals, medical devices, aviation, and consumer products. That experience, paired with his

Services

- Intellectual Property & Technology
- Commercial Litigation
- Aviation & Aerospace

biochemistry background, allows him to comprehensively protect clients' intellectual property.

Commercial Litigation

Peter represents clients in complex business disputes, including breach of contract, fraud, breach of fiduciary duty, unfair business practices, and partnership disputes. His experience managing discovery, developing case strategy, and preparing matters for trial in federal and state courts translates across subject areas. Whether defending a class action, litigating a commercial lease dispute, or enforcing a multimillion-dollar judgment, Peter brings the same analytical rigor and strategic focus that defines his IP work.

Aviation

Since joining Wilson Elser, Peter has expanded his practice into aviation law, leveraging his technical fluency and proven ability to quickly master complex subject matter. His experience managing high-stakes litigation and working closely with technical experts makes him well positioned to handle the unique challenges of aviation disputes, where understanding intricate systems and regulatory frameworks is essential.

Education

- Marquette University Law School (J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2020)
 - Managing Editor, Marquette Intellectual Property Law Review
 - Web Editor, Marquette Law Review
- University of Wisconsin–Madison (B.S. Biochemistry and Polish, 2016)
 - Certificate in Global Health

Bar Admissions

- California
- Wisconsin
- U.S. Patent & Trademark Office

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin

Languages

- Polish

Representative Matters

Represented an international sports and footwear company in three co-pending federal court litigations against a competitor involving trademark, utility patent, and design patent infringement claims. The cases were settled on favorable terms before the court ruled on the parties' cross-motions for summary judgment.

Represented a medical device manufacturer in six inter partes review proceedings before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board involving patents related to knee replacement technology. The proceedings were settled on favorable terms, with the client acquiring a license for less than the amount offered by the patent owner prior to filing suit.

Served as lead counsel in a partnership dispute on behalf of a restaurant owner, successfully settling the matter on the eve of trial for less than 15 percent of the plaintiff's initial demand and securing the client's primary objective to retain full ownership of the business.