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OVERVIEW

Peter is an associate in the firm's Privacy + Cyber Practice Group. He draws upon legal insight and journalistic experience to represent clients facing litigation related to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA), Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA), consumer privacy, and data security. His background as a reporter and editor has equipped him with exceptional research, analysis, and communication skills, which he leverages to deliver outstanding results for our clients.

Additionally, Peter provides ongoing analysis and commentary on developments in the consumer financial services industry, with a focus on data privacy, background screening, and FCRA issues, through the *Consumer Financial Services Law Monitor* blog.

Before joining the firm, Peter was a law clerk to U.S. Court of Federal Claims Judge Stephen S. Schwartz where he worked on government contracts, FLSA, and regulatory matters while also refining his writing and analytical abilities and gaining valuable firsthand knowledge of federal court procedure and operations.

Peter received his J.D., *magna cum laude*, from William & Mary Law School, where he was a member of the Order of the Coif. During law school, he served as a member of the *William & Mary Business Law Review* and served as the senior editor of *The Comparative Jurist*.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Defeated class certification on behalf of a national data broker in FCRA case.
- Defeated class certification in multidistrict litigation (MDL) stemming from a data breach.
- Representing credit reporting agencies in FCRA litigation.
- Representing a data provider in EDVA purported class action alleging consumer data violations.
- Representing private student loan companies in class action litigation alleging violations of the FDCPA and state consumer protection statutes.
- Representing a software corporation in a multidistrict litigation (MDL) data breach class action matter.

Pro Bono

- Drafted a brief to the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit in support of a former armed service member seeking compensation for disability.

AWARDS

- Honors, Capital Pro Bono Honor Roll, D.C. Access to Justice Commission and the D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center (2024-2025)

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Data + Privacy
- Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA)
- Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA)
- Privacy + Cyber

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Member, Giles S. Rich American Inn of Court
- Member, American Bar Association Bid Protest Committee
- Member, American Bar Association Contract Claims and Disputes Resolution Committee
- Member, Federal Bar Association, Federal Litigation Section

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Judicial extern, Hon. Teresa Chafin, Supreme Court of Virginia, 2022
- Judicial extern, Hon. Robert J. Krask, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, 2021
- Legal intern, Commonwealth of Virginia Office of the Attorney General, 2021
- Judicial extern, Hon. M. Hannah Lauck, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, 2020
- Research assistant, Prof. Evan J. Criddle, William & Mary Law School, 2020
- Senior journalist/editor, Community News Corp., 2010 – 2018

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- William & Mary Law School, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2022, Order of the Coif; senior editor, *Comparative Jurist*
- Patrick Henry College, B.A., 2009, journalism

BAR ADMISSIONS

- District of Columbia
- Virginia

COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of Virginia

- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Virginia
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Virginia
- U.S. District Court, District of New Mexico

CLERKSHIPS

- Hon. Stephen S. Schwartz, U.S. Court of Federal Claims, 2022-2023

PUBLICATIONS

- Co-author, "Litigating Virginia's Right of Publicity Laws," *Virginia Lawyer*, June 2026.
- Co-author, "Troutman Pepper Publishes 2023 Consumer Financial Services Year in Review and A Look Ahead," *Troutman Pepper*, February 1, 2024.