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Peter represents public and private clients in a variety of areas, with a focus on state government issues ranging from complex licensing and regulatory matters to permit revocations, constitutional challenges, and internal investigations. Combining sound advice and sharp judgment with extensive trial and government experience, Peter also represents clients in a wide array of litigation matters, including white collar criminal defense, arbitrations, business divorce, appellate practice, and civil litigation.

Peter returned to the firm in 2018 after serving as First Assistant Attorney General for the State of New Jersey, where he was the second-ranking lawyer in the State and served as one of the principal legal advisors to both the Governor and the Attorney General. Peter also previously served as Counsel to the Attorney General, Assistant Counsel to the Governor, and Deputy Attorney General. In these various roles, Peter attained a thorough understanding of the operations of state government and represented the State in some of its most pressing legal challenges. These included litigating New Jersey's sports betting challenge from the first district court proceeding through the ultimate win before the U.S. Supreme Court; prevailing in a first-of-its-kind constitutional challenge before the New Jersey Supreme Court that defined legislative powers; prevailing in a test case before the New Jersey Appellate Division concerning the Mistaken Imprisonment Act; successfully defending the Executive Order that restructured all information technology in the state government; and fending off challenges to the carry-permit regulations of the Division of New Jersey State Police. Peter also handled a wide variety of other matters, ranging from complications arising after Superstorm Sandy to employment law, tort law, election law, condemnation, public procurement, and litigation under the Open Public Records Act. He also assisted the Office of the Governor in sorting through legal issues arising out of the "Bridgegate" affair, and successfully tried to verdict numerous matters in New Jersey Superior Court as first chair.

Peter routinely draws on his government experience in providing key insight and advice to his clients. He regularly represents entities in the cannabis industry in matters ranging from license applications and approvals to post-licensing business transactions, as well as other private entities faced with regulatory or compliance issues. Peter represents governmental entities in enforcement actions and internal investigations, and handles appeals of administrative rulemaking and final agency decisions. And he handles a wide variety of related civil litigation in state and federal courts, ranging from contract disputes to attorney ethics to tort claims.

Peter began his career as a law clerk for the Honorable Barry T. Albin of the Supreme Court of New Jersey. He previously served as a member of the State Board of Psychological Examiners.

EXPERIENCE

- > Represented an electricity generation company before the New Jersey Appellate Division, successfully defending a decision from the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities worth hundreds of millions of dollars per year.
- > Represents private companies in connection with an investigation concerning billions of dollars of tax credits awarded by the New Jersey Economic Development Authority.
- > Represented the Office of the Governor in response to a legislative investigation concerning the administration's hiring practices.
- > Represented the Governor and other state officials in federal district court to the United States Supreme Court, ultimately defeating challenges to New Jersey's sports betting statutes.
- > Prevailed on a constitutional issue of first impression before the New Jersey Supreme Court concerning separation of powers.
- > Routinely advises clients on permitting and regulatory issues concerning legalized cannabis and other regulatory compliance matters.
- > Prevailed in dismissing a million-dollar claim against a supermarket owner accused of anticompetitive behavior.
- > Represented the State of New Jersey in numerous matters, including a securities enforcement action, a consumer fraud action and legislative inquiries.
- > Conducted an internal investigation of alleged antitrust violations in the pharmaceutical industry.
- > Successfully defeated challenges to numerous Executive Orders, including the restructuring of the information technology community throughout state government.
- > Represented the Office of the Governor during the "Bridgegate" investigations.
- > Prepared expert opinions on New Jersey procedural law for use in Italian courts.

- > Successfully tried to verdict numerous jury trials under the Tort Claims Act and the Law Against Discrimination.
- > Successfully argued a test case concerning the Mistaken Imprisonment Act before the New Jersey Appellate Division, ultimately resulting in the dismissal of dozens of cases against the State.
- > Successfully defended against legal challenges to the Governor's decision to hold a special election after the death of Senator Frank R. Lautenberg.
- > Handled countless requests and litigations under the Open Public Records Act.
- > Successfully resolved a public contract dispute with the State of Florida.
- > Successfully negotiated a business divorce for a wine manufacturer.
- > Represents clients for licensing and permit issues before state agencies, including the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control and the professional licensing boards.

HONORS & AWARDS

> Immigration Justice Campaign (September 2021)

Recipient of the Volunteer of the Quarter award, in recognition of extraordinary dedication of time and talent in the fight to give detained immigrants their fair day in court

> New Jersey Law Journal (2016)

Recognized as a New Leader of the Bar

NEWS & INSIGHTS

Publications

- > March 24, 2020
"Price Gouging Investigations Are Ramping Up—What Your Business Needs to Know," *Litigation Client Alert*
 Christopher Porrino, Peter Slocum, Kathleen A. McGee,
- > March 22, 2020
"Essential" Versus "Non-Essential" Under New York, New Jersey, and Federal Law," *Litigation Client Alert*
 Christopher Porrino, Peter Slocum,
- > March 20, 2020
"Are you "essential"?", *Litigation Client Alert*
 Christopher Porrino, Peter Slocum
- > May 31, 2016
"Supreme Court to Settle Bank-Fraud Circuit Split," *White Collar Criminal Defense Client Alert*
 Michael T.G. Long, Peter Slocum

In the Media

- > March 19, 2021
ROI-NJ and **Law360** report that an appellate court has affirmed the 2019 decision by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities to award Zero Emission Certificates to Public Service Enterprise Group Inc. (PSEG) to help operate the state's three nuclear power plants. Former Attorney General of New Jersey **Christopher Porrino**, Chair of Lowenstein Sandler's **Litigation** Department, and **Peter Slocum**, former First Assistant Attorney General of New Jersey, represented PSEG.
- > November 30, 2020
 In **Real Estate NJ**, partners **Matthew J. Platkin** and **Peter Slocum** discuss how the New Jersey real estate sector should prepare for legal recreational marijuana, noting that "the market for real estate will be fierce when recreational use comes online ... particularly ... in urban communities, where drug-free school zones greatly limit the options for dispensary locations." Based on their experience representing medical cannabis clients, they caution landlords and tenants against signing leases too quickly, and they warn about "new requirements that are sure to be imposed by municipalities, including potential 'host community' fees levied as a condition of local approval."
- > January 2-7; May 8, 2019
 Lowenstein's 2019 promotion of seven lawyers to partner and six to counsel (including three women in each category) is noted in **Bloomberg Law – Big Law Business**. These promotions are also highlighted in **LawFuel**, **The Deal**, and the Commerce and Industry Association of New Jersey's (CIANJ) **Business Beat** newsletter, with **Lesley P. Adamo**, **Dmitry Andreev**, **Marc S. Kurzweil**, **James B. O'Grady**, **Eileen Overbaugh**, **Peter Slocum**, and **Julie Levinson Werner** highlighted as newly elected partners and **Brandon Fierro**, **Joseph G. Jones**, **Robert Lynn**, **Brianne Perlman**, **Nedda N. Salehi**, and **Leah Satlin** listed as promoted to counsel. **Gary M. Wingens** is quoted regarding the critical role these lawyers will play in the firm's continued success. **Law360** notes our partner elevations in an article highlighting firms' Q1 promotions. (*subscription required to access certain content*) **View Lowenstein's news announcement about these promotions.**
- > April 1, 2019
The American Lawyer features Lowenstein Sandler's recent "lateral hiring spree of government lawyers and prosecutors" in an article on the arrival of new partners and former government litigators **Rachel Maimin** and **Greg Baker**. Both Maimin, former SDNY assistant U.S. attorney, and Baker, former senior counsel at the U.S. Securities & Exchange Commission, praised Lowenstein's "commitment to growing its white-collar practice," in addition to the strength of its investment management and funds practice, as critical elements attracting them to the firm.

The piece notes that since former Attorney General of New Jersey **Anne M. Milgram** joined the firm in July 2017 as special counsel and former Attorney General of New Jersey **Christopher Porrino** returned to the firm in 2018, Lowenstein has welcomed several former prosecutors and government lawyers. The firm's **Litigation** team now includes former First Assistant Attorney General of New Jersey **Peter Slocum**; former Assistant U.S. Attorney, Eastern District of New York **Ryan M. Wilson**; former Assistant U.S. Attorney, Southern District of New York **Elie Honig**; and former Deputy Attorney General of New Jersey **Shontae D. Gray**. Porrino, Chair of the firm's Litigation group, says that "he expected the firm's 'talent binge' to continue. ... 'We're focused on talent and we're focused on experience and I think Rachel and Greg are great examples of that.'" *(This article also appeared in the New Jersey Law Journal and on Yahoo! Finance and Yahoo! News.) (subscription required to access certain content) View Lowenstein's news announcement about Maimin and Baker joining the firm.*

> March 8, 2019

Law.com highlights how Lowenstein Sandler's **White Collar Criminal Defense** practice has grown rapidly through the recent recruitment of experienced former prosecutors, including **Paul B. Matey, Ryan M. Wilson, Peter Slocum, Elie Honig, Kathleen A. McGee**, and two former New Jersey Attorneys General, **Anne M. Milgram**, and **Christopher Porrino**. The article quotes Chair and Managing Partner **Gary M. Wingens**, who states that the practice's notable growth in business and top-tier talent is the result of a deliberate effort to increase "the depth and breadth of our skill set." He cites Milgram's heading an internal investigation on behalf of the Dallas Mavericks as an example of the caliber of work the group handles and notes that "clients want to see critical mass in the practice" and a team of lawyers "with different backgrounds who can handle lots of parallel investigations."

> August 2017

Peter Slocum's promotion to First Assistant Attorney General is highlighted in **NJ.com** and **New Jersey Law Journal**.

EDUCATION

- > Seton Hall University School of Law (J.D., 2010), magna cum laude; Order of the Coif; Business Editor, *Seton Hall Law Review*; Chair, Seton Hall Mock Trial Board
- > Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey (B.S., 2007), Accounting, magna cum laude
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ADMISSIONS

- > New York
- > New Jersey