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### Overview

Peter represents small and mid-sized businesses, individuals and financial institutions in real estate and business-related courtroom matters, both at the trial and appellate levels. Peter also represents creditors in bankruptcy proceedings.

Peter feels comfortable and confident in the courtroom. Prior to becoming a lawyer, Peter spent 15 years as a public school teacher, where he developed strong and persuasive public speaking skills, which help when presenting a case to a judge and jury. In addition to teaching in the classroom, Peter also coached football, basketball and cross country while a teacher, and those competitive experiences help in the courtroom as well.

When not practicing law, Peter enjoys reading and exercising, including jogging, walking and lifting weights.

### Experience

- *Samuel and Shawn Calvillo, et al v. Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, et al*; 487 S.W.3d 626 (Tex. App. – El Paso 2015, pet. denied)
- *Wells Fargo Bank. N.A. v. Wolf*, 444 S.W. 3d 685 (Tex. App. – Houston [14th Dist.] 2014, no pet.)

### Practices

[Commercial Litigation](#)  
[Bankruptcy and Creditor Rights](#)  
[Insurance and Personal Injury](#)  
[Appellate](#)

### Education

- J.D., University of Houston
- M.S., Indiana University
- B.S., Indiana University

### Admissions & Certifications

- State Bar of Texas
- United States District Court for the Northern, Southern, Eastern and Western Districts of Texas
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

- *McLane v. New Caney Oaks Apartments*, 416 S.W. 3d 115 (Tex. App. – Beaumont 2013, no pet.)
- *Howard Industries, Inc. v. Crown Cork & Seal Co., LLC*, 403 S.W. 3d 347 (Tex. App. – [Houston 1st Dist.] 2013, no pet.)
- *Martin v. New Century Mort. Co., et al*; 377 S.W.3d 79 (Tex. App. – Houston [1st Dist.] 2012, no pet.)
- *Johnston v. Oiltanking Houston, L.P.*, 367 S.W. 3d 412 (Tex. App. – Houston [14th Dist.] 2012, no pet.)
- *Lazell v. Stone*, 123 S.W. 3d 6 (Tex. App. – Houston [1st. Dist.] 2003, pet. denied)
- *State v. Japage Partnership*, 80 S.W.3d 618 (Tex. App. – Houston [1st Dist.] 2002, pet. denied)

## **Affiliations**

- Houston Bar Association
- Taught in the public schools for 15 years
- Coached football and basketball
- Served as a board member of his community's homeowners association for several years