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Peter Haveles represents and counsels financial institutions, corporations, and individuals in litigation matters and significant corporate risks related to the financial services industry and markets and distressed assets. Clients seek Peter's advice, guidance and representation for breach of contract, lender liability claims, enforcement of indentures and intercreditor agreements, fraudulent conveyance claims, corporate governance, acquisition and shareholder disputes, preservation and restructuring of distressed assets, major real estate loan defaults, and partnership disputes. His financial markets experience includes disputes and controversies involving antitrust claims, unauthorized trading, front running, prearranged trading, improper and negligent execution of trades, market manipulation, failure to supervise, compliance with exchange rules, fraudulent representation, and broken trades.

Peter has substantial experience before every level of court, including the federal district and bankruptcy courts, various state courts, arbitration panels, administrative law judges, and self-regulatory organizations. Additionally, he has a robust appellate practice, representing clients before each of the federal circuit courts of appeal and various state appellate courts.

In addition to Peter's civil litigation practice, he also represents clients in investigations and enforcement actions pursued by regulatory agencies and major exchanges arising out of U.S. and foreign options, futures, derivatives, capital markets, and asset-backed transactions.

Honors and Distinctions

- *Super Lawyers* Magazine, 2008-2024, Listed in New York for Business Litigation
- *Benchmark Litigation*, 2012-2015, 2025, Listed in New York as a "Local Litigation Star" for Securities, Competition/Antitrust
- Burton Prize for Distinguished Legal Writing, 2015

Areas of Experience

Litigation
Appellate
Financial Institutions Commercial Litigation
Antitrust and Trade Regulation
Securities Litigation
Distressed and Special Assets
Preference and Fraudulent Transfer Litigation
SEC Receiverships and Ponzi Schemes

Education

J.D., Boston University School of Law, 1980, magna cum laude
B.A., Harvard University, 1976, cum laude

Admissions

Bars

New York

Courts

U.S. Court of Appeals, First Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan
U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York
U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York

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Affiliations

- Akerman Foundation, Board of Directors, 2024-Present
- Parrish Art Museum, Board of Trustees, Former President
- Boston University School of Law Alumni Association, Former President
- Boston University School of Law, Board of Visitors, Former Member
- Irish Georgian Society, Board of Directors, Former President

Published Work and Lectures

- *The Banking Law Journal*, Author, “Liability Management Exercises and the Litigation Quagmire,” May 2025

April 29, 2025

Akerman Lawyers Ranked in New York by *Super Lawyers Magazine*
November 04, 2024

Benchmark Litigation Recognizes 34 Akerman Lawyers in its 2025 Rankings of the Leading Litigators in the United States
October 17, 2024