

## Peter W. Waldmeir

### SERVICE AREAS

Litigation + Trial

- Utilities
- Litigation + Trial Practice Overview

### EDUCATION

- George Washington University Law School, J.D.
- University of Michigan, B.A.

### BAR ADMISSIONS

- District of Columbia
- Michigan



### Principal

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Peter W. Waldmeir considers it his great fortune to have had the opportunity to represent corporate clients in complex “bet-the-company” civil and criminal litigation throughout the United States. Over the past quarter century, he has successfully managed teams of lawyers, experts and consultants in numerous nuclear construction/project management/NSSS lawsuits, including one in which the energy client received \$750 million -- the largest cash settlement at the time. In one landmark case, Peter and others successfully represented a manufacturer charged with manslaughter -- the first corporate criminal prosecution in Michigan history. For the past decade, Peter has represented and counseled an energy client in almost every facet of its operations ranging from complex commercial and business litigation defense to participating in labor negotiations to providing broad-ranging business legal advice. As a former Department of Justice civil trial lawyer, Michigan Supreme Court law clerk and corporate attorney, Peter understands all facets of the legal system from the perspective of the plaintiff as well as defense counsel, from trial to appeal, from the boardroom to the courtroom.

*“I believe that my clients benefit from my management skills, my interdisciplinary understanding of their legal and business needs, my candor as well as my high ethical standards, and my commitment to providing responsive, high-quality legal service at the most affordable cost. It may sound old-fashioned, but I live to serve my clients to the very best of my ability.”*

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### EXPERIENCE

Peter understands that it often is the little things which matter the most – not the dramatic closing argument or the discovery of the

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proverbial “smoking gun.” Peter’s case files are filled with such examples. In two complex civil cases, his skillful legal briefing and maneuvering averted costly and protracted trials through settlements of \$750 million and \$400 million. In another, after a three-year legal battle, he successfully dismissed a class action with the same magnitude of financial risk. Dogged computerized discovery in another gas pricing case with over 10 million pages of documents resulted in a \$500 million settlement. His willingness to stand up for his client, even when the courts and other powerful national interest groups had been predisposed against it, resulted in high-profile criminal dismissals, civil class decertification and favorable appellate outcomes.

*“Favorable outcomes are achieved in both big and small matters by hard work, commitment, creativity, understanding, responsiveness, respect and trust – trust in yourself, trust in your client and, perhaps most important, your client’s trust in you. These are the attributes which I have attempted to bring to every matter in my diverse and exciting legal career.”*

### Representative Clients

American Bumper & Manufacturing Company  
Basin Electric Power Cooperative  
Bonneville Power Authority  
Boston Edison  
Central & Southwest Corporation  
Central Power & Light  
City of Austin Utility Department Commonwealth Edison  
Dakota Gasification Company  
Detroit Edison  
Federal Aviation Administration  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
HUD  
Houston Lighting & Power Company  
Massachusetts Western Electric Cooperative  
Mitsubishi Motor Manufacturing of America, Inc.  
San Antonio City Public Service Board  
Washington Public Power Supply System  
Westinghouse Electric Power Division

### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- American Bar Association

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- State Bar of Michigan
- Federal Bar Association
- Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association
- District of Columbia Bar Association
- Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG), Delegate, 1989-93; 1995-99
- Grosse Pointe Cable Company, Board of Directors, 1990-94
- Greater Detroit Area Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Detroit XIII, 1991-92

### HONORS + AWARDS

- Detroit Monthly, "On the Move: Metropolitan Detroit's 75 Future Leaders," 1993
- Crain's Detroit Business, Top 40 Metropolitan Detroit Executives under Age 40, 1991
- Best Lawyers in America, Energy Law 2007-present
- Michigan Super Lawyers, Litigation 2006-2008; 2010-present

### CIVIC, CULTURAL + SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

- Grosse Pointe City Council, 1989-93, Futuring Commission; Land Use and Zoning Commission; Board of Zoning Appeals; Centennial Commission
- Old Newsboys' Goodfellows Fund of Detroit, President, 2007; Board of Directors, 1989-present
- Southeastern Michigan Community Health Status, Advisory Commission; Board of Directors, 1994-present
- Grosse Pointe Farms City Council, 1995-2001; 2003-05; 2006-2010, Mayor Pro Temp, 2007-2009; Futuring Commission; Land Use and Zoning Commission; Board of Zoning Appeals; Grosse Pointe Farms Economic Development Task Force; Budget Committee; Senior Housing Commission

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Detroit College of Law, Instructor, 1978-80

### PUBLICATIONS

"Local Land Use Regulation as State Civil Law," 12 Tulsa LJ 425 (1978)

"Managing Complex Litigation: Plans, Budgets, Staffing, and Strategy." 30th Annual Meeting of the Transportation Law Institute, 1997

"Corporate Criminal Prosecutions and Sentencing: The New Frontier." 30th Annual Meeting of the Transportation Law Institute, 1997

"Conflicts in Evolving 10th and 11th Amendment Law." Association for Transportation Law, Logistics and Policy, 1997

"To Condemn or Not to Condemn, That is the Question," Michigan Municipal League, 1996, Author/Lecturer

"The Increasing Risk of Criminal Liability for Business and Employees," 1996, Coauthor/Lecturer

"The 10th and 11th Amendments: States' Rights and Federal Power," National Association of Attorneys' General Conference, 1996, Author/Lecturer

"Nuclear Power Litigation," American Public Power Association, 1986, Lecturer

"Corporate Responsibility," Practising Law Institute, 1985-92, Coauthor/Lecturer

"Cable Regulation," Michigan Municipal Officers' Association, 1984, Lecturer