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Law Practice

As an attorney, Dan Peterson has extensive experience protecting creditor's rights and pursuing their remedies, both inside and outside Oregon Bankruptcy Court. His practice includes commercial, business, and real estate litigation. He has been in private practice since 2006 and previously was a law clerk with the Trial Division of the Oregon Department of Justice.

Expertise and Experience

Creditors' Rights/ Bankruptcy

- Banks, Hard Money Lenders, and other Creditors
- Collection Disputes
- Action on Accounts
- Obtaining/Enforcing Judgments
- Bankruptcy
  - Claims
  - Relief from Stay

INDUSTRIES

Beverage

Financial Services

Manufacturing

Real Estate

PRACTICE AREAS

Business & Commercial Litigation

Financial Services Litigation & Compliance

Real Estate Law

Regulatory

- Objection to Plan
- Preference Disputes
- Advice and Counsel

Contract Disputes

- Breach of Contract
- Declaratory Judgement
- Injunctive Relief
- Specific Performance

Real Estate/ Property Disputes

- Adverse Possession
- Easements
- Property Line Disputes
- Real Estate Sale Disputes
- Title Company Disputes
- Trespass/ Nuisance

Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) Disputes

- Sale of Goods
- Warranties
- Negotiable Instruments

Debtor Representation

- Loan Workouts

Lease Workouts

Loan Disputes

Loan Workouts

Lease Workouts

Shareholder/ LLC Member/ Partnership Disputes

Breach of Fiduciary Duty Claims

Business Divorces

Declaratory Actions Regarding Ownership Interests

Shareholder Rights

Corporate Governance

Director / Officer Liability

Business Torts

Unfair Competition

Theft of Trade Secrets

Employment

Non-Competition

Theft of Trade Secrets

Securities Litigation

Prosecution and Defense

Suitability Actions

Misrepresentation / Fraud

Commercial Tenancy

Lease Disputes

Tenant Improvements

Evictions

Emergency Remedies

Temporary Restraining Orders

Preliminary Injunctions

Representative Cases

- Represented homeowners in property line dispute with neighbor. Multi-day trial to the court resulted in judgment in clients favor, awarding them title to a disputed strip of property through adverse possession.
- Represented Oregon pet products manufacturer and individual principals against a $3.2 million lawsuit alleging misappropriation of trade secrets, tortious interference with business relations, conversion, fraud, successor liability, and unjust enrichment. Briefed and presented a series of motions and successfully resolved the lawsuit through negotiated settlement under which clients were not required to provide any monetary compensation to plaintiff.
- Represented limited liability company member in seven figure action against managing member for fraud, mismanagement, and usurpation of corporate opportunity. Five day arbitration hearing before three arbitrator panel resulted in judgment for client for full amount of demand.
- Represented secured creditor in lawsuit against debtor alleging breach of contract and unjust enrichment. Briefed, argued, and obtained temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction prohibiting debtor from spending, distributing, or otherwise transferring proceeds from secured creditor's collateral. Negotiated favorable settlement shortly after the Court issued preliminary injunction.

Education & Bar Admissions

Dan graduated with a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Wisconsin in 1997. He earned his

law degree from the University of Oregon in 2006. While in law school, Dan was Staff Editor (2004-2005) and Articles Editor (2005-2006) for the *Oregon Law Review*, was member of the *Moot Court Board* and tutored first-year students in Contracts and Torts.

Dan was admitted to the Oregon State Bar in 2006 and the United States District Court of Oregon and the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Oregon in 2007.

Professional

Dan is a member of the Business Litigation and Debtor-Creditor sections of the Oregon State Bar Association and the Multnomah County Bar Association. Dan is also a member of the race committee for the St. Andrew Legal Clinic's – Race For Justice.

Personal

Outside of the office, Dan enjoys exploring Oregon's mountains, rivers and beaches. He also enjoys running (2016 Boston Marathon Finisher), playing golf, and spending time this his wife Heather and their kids Soren and Stella.

Presentations

"Small World, Big Schemes – Navigating the Global Landscape of Payment Fraud Litigation"
Speaker – ALFA International 2026 International Client Seminar, Carlsbad, CA, March 7, 2026

"'All the Small Things' That Make or Break a Contract or Settlement"
Speaker – ALFA International 2025 International Client Seminar, Tucson, AZ, March 8, 2025

"Protecting Attorney-Client Privilege When Wearing Your Business Advisor and Legal Advisor Hats"
Speaker – ALFA International 2024 Business Litigation Seminar, Park City, UT, September 12, 2024

"Effectively Resolving Boundary Disputes"
Oregon State Bar Real Estate Section, June 26, 2018

"Creditor's Rights & Remedies: Protecting Your Business Receivables"
Client business owners of the Engle and Schmidtman Law Firm, April 8, 2015

"Collecting Judgments"
Multnomah County Bar Association, New Lawyers Division CLE, May 15, 2012

"Partnership Disputes"
Multnomah County Bar Association, New Lawyers Division CLE – "Brown Bag" Series, August 18, 2011

Publications

"Oregon Human Resources Manual"
Published by Associated Oregon Industries, 2007 and 2008 editions

"All the King's Horses and All the King's Men: Are Oregon Courts Putting the Good Faith Obligation Back Together Again?"
84 Or. L. Rev. 907 (2006)

Awards

The Best Lawyers in America®, Commercial Litigation (2024–2027)

Oregon Super Lawyers, *Super Lawyers* (2021–2023)

Oregon Rising Stars, *Super Lawyers* (2010–2016)