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Peter is an experienced corporate attorney. He provides strategic legal counseling and advice to businesses at all stages of the corporate life cycle, serving some clients as outside general counsel.

He works with companies in a wide range of industries such as technology, health care, food production and distribution, consulting and manufacturing. Peter provides legal advice to clients on:

- Operating, shareholder and partnership agreements
- Corporate governance matters
- Buy-sell agreements
- Commercial contracts, contract disputes and litigation
- Hiring and firing
- Employment, severance and consulting agreements
- Stock option and other incentive compensation plans
- Reorganizations and restructurings
- Secured and unsecured debt transactions
- Traditional and asset-based loans and other corporate finance transactions

Peter handles a full range of business transactions, including mergers and acquisitions, divestitures, real estate transactions and joint ventures. He is particularly well versed in health care industry transactions, including representing physician groups in practice acquisitions, creating employment contracts and handling shareholder buyouts.

Legalized Cannabis*

Peter understands the needs of businesses in the rapidly expanding and highly regulated market for legalized cannabis. He is part of a multidisciplinary team at Fox that is prepared to provide services and guidance to legal marijuana businesses in the areas of:

- Licensing
- Shareholder and partnership agreements
- Venture capital
- Banking and financial services
- Taxation
- Employee benefits

- Trademark
- Advertising
- Liability

* Please be mindful that possessing, using, distributing and/or selling marijuana is a federal crime, and no legal advice given by Fox is intended to provide any guidance or assistance in violating federal law.

Family Law

In the course of representing physicians, owners and executives of closely held companies and other high-net worth individuals, Peter has gained an in-depth understanding of the sensitive family law matters they face, including the division of assets and corporations and executive compensation matters. He helps clients navigate these complicated issues.

Services

- Corporate
- Health Law
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Family Law
- Cannabis Law
- Health Care Transactions

Before Fox Rothschild

Peter served as a Judicial Law Clerk to the Hon. Virginia A. Long, Justice of the New Jersey Supreme Court. He participated in the firm's Summer Associate program and worked full-time as a law clerk for the firm while attending Rutgers University School of Law, where was a Dean's Scholar.

Beyond Fox Rothschild

The Supreme Court of New Jersey has appointed Peter to two four-year terms on the District VII Ethics Committee, which he chaired in the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 sessions. Peter served as a trustee of the Mercer County Bar Association from 2007 to 2014, and was chair of its budget and finance committee from 2008 to 2014.

Bar Admissions

- New Jersey
- Pennsylvania

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey

Education

- Rutgers Law School (J.D., *high honors*, 2002)
- Rutgers University, Cook College (B.S., 1997)

Memberships

- American Bar Association
- New Jersey State Bar Association
- Pennsylvania Bar Association
- Mercer County Bar Association
- Supreme Court of New Jersey, District Ethics Committee

Publications

December 6, 2021

How the Cannabis Regulatory Commission Pushes for Social Equity and Adequate Supply
NJBIZ

November 11, 2021

New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission Launches Application Process for Recreational-Use Businesses

December 21, 2020

First Look: New Jersey Enacts Recreational Cannabis Legislation

March 30, 2020

New Jersey Economic Relief Programs for Various Businesses

UPDATED April 14, 2020

Cannabis Companies Deemed 'Essential' Businesses in Some States, But Not All

News

June 14, 2021

Cronos Group Announces Strategic Investment in PharmaCann, a Leading U.S. Cannabis Company

October 15, 2018

ACG New Jersey Presents 'Cannabis – After the High' on Thursday

June 24, 2014

Fox Team Participates in the Educational Testing Service's Firecracker 5K

February 15, 2012

Businesspeople

September 7, 2011

People

August 23, 2011

Peter F. Kelly Appointed to District VII Ethics Committee

June 21, 2010

On the Move

June 4, 2010

Fox Rothschild Attorneys Elected to Partner

November 27, 2007

Peter F. Kelly of Fox Rothschild Appointed Trustee of the Mercer County Bar Association

Events

October 15, 2020

Cannabis on the Ballot: Ask the New Jersey Insiders
Webinar

October 18, 2018

Cannabis — After the High...

The Westin Governor Morris Hotel

March 28, 2018

Taking Cannabis to New Highs in NJ

Fox Rothschild LLP

January 23, 2018

How To Build a Viable and Sustainable Cannabis Business

Forsgate Country Club