

Peter A. Kraus

FOUNDING PARTNER

Peter Kraus is a founding and managing partner of Waters Kraus Paul & Siegel. A native of Dallas, Peter earned his bachelor's degree from Duke University and his law degree from the University of Texas. He began his career as a commercial litigator in Washington, D.C., and has since focused his practice on toxic torts, False Claims Act whistleblower cases, wildfire litigation and pharmaceutical injury litigation. He has tried numerous asbestos, benzene exposure, and pharmaceutical cases to verdict in state and federal courts across the country, including many multimillion-dollar verdicts. He is an ardent supporter of consumer and victims' rights, having testified before the Texas Legislature and frequently lobbied Congress on behalf of asbestos litigants. Peter also serves on several asbestos bankruptcy creditor and trustee advisory committees. He is involved in steering committees for both U.S. and Texas asbestos multidistrict litigation and has served on the ABA Commission on Asbestos litigation. In January 2020, he was appointed by then Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi to serve a second 5-year term on the board of the Federal Judicial Center Foundation. Licensed to practice law in Texas, California, Hawaii, Missouri, and Virginia, Peter has been elected for membership in the American Board of Trial Advocates by his peers. He has been selected by his peers for inclusion in the latest Edition of The Best Lawyers in America® magazine for his work on behalf of plaintiffs in Personal Injury Litigation and Product Liability Litigation from 2016 through 2026. He has received this recognition for four consecutive years beginning in 2016. Peter has also been recognized on the D Magazine "Best Lawyers in Dallas" list and the Thomson Reuters Texas Super Lawyers® list repeatedly over the last 20 years..

Peter is active in the community, particularly in the areas of education, medicine, and the legal profession. He is the former chairman of the boards of the Greenhill School and the St. Paul Medical Foundation. He is a current board member of the public radio and television station KERA. He also serves on the Board of Governors of the American Association for Justice and the board of the Texas Trial Lawyers Association. He formerly served on the boards of the Southwestern Medical Foundation, the Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum, and Public Justice, a public interest law firm that he and the firm continue to support. He also formerly served his alma mater as a member of the Duke University Annual Fund Executive Committee. He is a member of the Dallas Bar Association and The National Trial Lawyers: Top 10 Asbestos/Mesothelioma Trial Lawyers Association, an invitation-only honor.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

American Association for Justice
 Board of Governors, 2011-Present
 Budget Committee, 2010-Present

American Board of Trial Advocates

Public Justice Foundation

State Bar of California

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AREAS OF PRACTICE

Asbestos Litigation
 Toxic Tort
 Wildfire Litigation
 Pharmaceutical Litigation
 Medical Device Litigation
 False Claims Act Litigation
 Commercial Litigation

BAR ADMISSIONS

Hawaii, 2018
 Missouri, 2013
 California, 2011
 Texas, 1992
 Virginia, 1985
 U.S. Supreme Court, 1994
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 U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas, 2001
 U.S. District Court, Western District of New York, 2013
 U.S. District Court, District of Hawaii, 2019

EDUCATION

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State Bar of Hawaii
State Bar of Missouri
Virginia Bar Association
State Bar of Texas
Texas Bar Foundation
Texas Trial Lawyers Association
Executive Committee, Board of Directors
Dallas Bar Association
Dallas Bar Foundation
Baker Clerkship Committee, 2012
Dallas Trial Lawyers Association

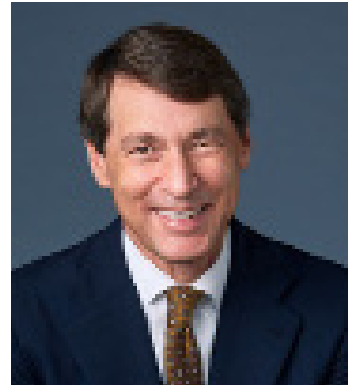
PRO BONO AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

KERA Board of Directors, 2019-Present
Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum
Board Member, 2018-Present
Greenhill School
Chairman, Board of Trustees, 2012-2014
Board of Trustees, 2008-2017
Southwestern Medical Foundation
Board of Trustees, 2011-Present
St. Paul Medical Foundation, 2004-2016
Chair, Foundation Board, 2006-2008
Duke University Annual Fund Executive Committee, 2007-2014
Major Sponsor, Dallas Area Volunteer Program, 2004-2011
Lead Donor, Dallas Area Volunteer Program, 2001, 2003

HONORS & AWARDS

Recipient, ADL Larry Schoenbrun Jurisprudence Award, 2022
Recipient, Above and Beyond Award, American Association for Justice, 2017
Kristi Couvillon Pro Bono Award, Texas Civil Rights Project, 2016
Selected for recognition on the Best Lawyers in America© list, produced and published by Best Lawyers©, 2016-2026
Appointed to Federal Judicial Center Foundation Board, 2014-2019, 2020-Present
Selected for recognition on the "Texas' Top Rated Lawyers" list, produced by LexisNexis® Martindale-Hubbell® and published by ALM Media Properties, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016

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American Association for Justice “David S. Shrager President’s Award,” 2012

American Association for Justice “Heavy Lifting” Award, 2010, 2011

Selected for recognition on the Texas Super Lawyers list, published by Thomson Reuters, Legal, 2003-2011, 2017-2025

Selected for recognition on the “Best Lawyers in Dallas” list in D Magazine, published by D Magazine Partners, 2001, 2011-2015, 2017-2025

AV® Preeminent™ 5.0 out of 5.0, Martindale-Hubbell Featured Peer Review Rated Lawyer

2018 Patron Member of Public Justice

HIGHLIGHTS

Peter Kraus Receives ADL Larry Schoenbrun Jurisprudence Award

Texas Voters Win as Motor Voter Lawsuit is Settled

The Right to Vote: Fight. Defend. Win.

Victory for Assault Victim of Anti-Muslim Hate Group Leader

\$4.4M Verdict in Asbestos Bowling Ball Trial

\$1.1Mil Mesothelioma Verdict for California Pipefitter

Lawsuit Seeks to Restore Voting Rights of Miss.’s African-American Voters

Family of Boston Letter Carrier Receives \$6.8M Asbestos Verdict

\$8.2M Verdict In Texas Benzene Trial Against DuPont

Forty-Year-Old English Professor Receives \$27.5 Million Asbestos Award

Family of 66-Year-Old Paper Mill Worker Receives \$3.96 Million Asbestos Verdict

Waters & Kraus founders named to 2022 Texas Super Lawyers list

Waters Kraus Paul & Siegel Partners, Firm Honored By U.S. News, Best Lawyers

AAJ’s Trial Masters Interviews Attorney Peter Kraus

Peter Kraus Named D Magazine ‘Best Lawyers of 2022’

Peter Kraus, Gary Paul Honored as Best Lawyers in America

See additional highlights

Peter Kraus Appointed to Second Term on FJC Foundation Board

Milestone Reached in Texas Online Voter Registration

COVID Delays Trial for Terminally Sick

Texas Now Allows Limited Online Voter Registration

Texas in Violation of Voting Registration Law

TCRP: Court Rules in Favor of Texas Voters

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Voters Move Forward with Suit Against Texas

State Called Out for Continuing to Violate the Federal Voter Law

State Ordered to Comply with NVRA

A Win for Texas Motor Voter Registrants on All Counts

Federal Judge Rules that Texas is Violating "Motor Voter" Law

Peter Kraus to Receive 2016 Kristi Couvillon Award for Pro Bono Work with Battleground Texas

Peter Kraus Appointed to Federal Judicial Center Foundation Board

Peter Kraus Speaks on Exposure at 2009 HB National Asbestos Litigation Conference – video

Lowery v. Bondex International et. al.



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