

# Peter G. Thurlow

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Pete Thurlow counsels inventors, growth-stage companies and multinational corporations on protecting, managing and monetizing intellectual property and patent portfolios. His practice spans the full spectrum of patent law: evaluating new inventions, developing strategic filing programs, prosecuting applications before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and negotiating and drafting licensing agreements to commercialize technology. He also provides freedom-to-operate, invalidity and patentability opinions and represents clients in post-grant proceedings before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board and in federal litigation. Pete helps clients implement proactive monitoring programs to track competitor filings and assess risk before it escalates.

Focused on innovative companies seeking capital, Pete has built a versatile practice that connects entrepreneurs with family-office and institutional investors. He organizes and hosts family-office investor meetings and events, fostering relationships between businesses and family-owned investment portfolios. These efforts have produced partnerships with respected investment advisors and firms, including IvyFon and 361 Firm, among others active in the global family-investor niche.

A recognized leader in the IP community, Pete served as President of the New York Intellectual Property Law Association (NYIPLA) in 2018–2019, an organization of more than 1,000 members. From 2012 to 2018 he served on the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office’s Patent Public Advisory Committee (PPAC) by appointment of the U.S. Secretary of Commerce. The PPAC advises the Under Secretary of Commerce and Director of the USPTO on patent policy and procedure and provides annual reports to the White House, U.S. Commerce Department and Congressional Judiciary Committees.

A graduate of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, Pete served for a decade in the U.S. Navy Reserve. He leverages his military and technical background in advisory work with the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), assisting with IP and patent matters, identifying commercialization pathways for emerging technologies and introducing DARPA to strategic partners.

## Education

- Brooklyn Law School (J.D., 1996)

## Capabilities

- Intellectual Property
- Health Care Technology
- Medical Devices
- Mechanical Engineering & Medical Devices Patent Prosecution
- Patent Preparation & Prosecution
- Post-Grant Proceedings
- International
- Technology

- Pace University (MBA, 1992)
- U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (B.S., 1988)

### **Bar Admissions**

- New York, 1997
- Admitted to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office

### **Court Admissions**

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

### **Memberships**

- Stand Up To Cancer (SU2C)
  - Executive Committee Member
- New York Intellectual Property Law Association
- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
  - Patent Public Advisory Committee, 2012-2018

### **Recognition**

- *Law360* Intellectual Property Editorial Advisory Board, 2018
- Volunteer Judge for the USPTO's National Patent Application Drafting Competition for the Eastern Region, 2021