



## Craig M. Peters

Trial Team Leader

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### Bio

Craig M. Peters is the team leader of the Peters Trial Team. Our team handles complex and catastrophic cases involving severe injury or death. We have experience dealing with product defects, dangerous property conditions, vehicle and machine accidents, and professional negligence. The Peters Trial Team has a record of success in cases tried to verdict.

We are proud to fight for justice on behalf of our clients and honored to be able to help them through a difficult time in their lives. The clients we help have suffered from brain and spinal cord injuries, neck and back injuries, bone fractures and nerve damage, burn injuries and psychiatric injuries. Mr. Peters has extensive trial experience representing families and individuals who are union members and laborers, service industry workers and white-collar professionals.

Mr. Peters is frequently asked by outside attorneys to become trial counsel on their cases when they are unable to resolve them prior to trial. Mr. Peters has regularly been invited to speak on the issue of trial skills by law schools, professional organizations and outside agencies. The international non-profit agency International Bridges to Justice, which seeks to end torture and build criminal justice systems around the globe, invited Mr. Peters to help train lawyers in India who are representing the indigent during a four day training in New Delhi.

In addition to teaching trial skills, Mr. Peters has been a professor of Constitutional Law and Evidence at San Francisco Law School, and taught classes at Hastings College of Law and University of San Francisco School of Law. Mr. Peters grew up in Northern California and lives in San Francisco with his family. They enjoy traveling, attending Giants games, and exploring The City on their bicycles.

### EDUCATION

- University of San Francisco School of Law, San Francisco, California
  - J.D. – 1996
  - Honors: American Jurisprudence Award, Civil Procedure
  - Honors: Editor-in-Chief, The Forum, USF, Law School Newspaper
  - Honors: Student Member, USF Inns of Court
- University of California at San Diego
  - B.A. - 1992
  - Major: Philosophy
  - Major: Communications

### BAR ADMISSIONS

- California, 1996
- U.S. District Court Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court Central District of California
- Wisconsin, 2011



### **AREAS OF PRACTICE**

- Construction Accidents
- Workplace Injuries
- Personal Injury Accidents
- Dangerous Property
- Defective Products

### **Professional Associations and Memberships**

- American Association for Justice, Member
- American Board of Trial Advocates, National Board Representative, Associate, Senior Life Fellow
- American College of Trial Lawyers, Fellow
- Bar Association of San Francisco, Active Member – Lawyer Referral and Information Service
- Consumer Attorneys of California, Secretary, Board of Directors and Active Member
- Public Justice, Member
- San Francisco Trial Lawyers Association, Education Committee Co-Chair

### **Honors and Awards**

- Rated AV-Preeminent for Ethical Standards & Ability – Martindale Hubbell
- Selected to the Northern California Super Lawyers List, 2014, 2015 – Top 5% of attorneys, as voted by peers
- Finalist for Consumer Attorneys of California – Consumer Attorney of the Year, 2015
- Finalist for the San Francisco Trial Lawyers – Trial Lawyer of the Year, 2016
- Finalist for the San Francisco Trial Lawyers – Trial Lawyer of the Year, 2014
- Finalist for the San Francisco Trial Lawyers – Trial Lawyer of the Year, 2013

### **Publications**

- Fifty Shades of Employment, Course and Scope and Independent Contractor Issues, February 2016
- Where Have All The Jury Trials Gone? Without being willing to lose at trial, you can never really win, February 25, 2015
- Warning Cases: Caution About Causation, June 27, 2014
- Don't Be Chicken, Keep Fighting: Howell and Corenbaum – What They Say (and Don't Say) and How to Use Them to Your Advantage, February 01, 2014



### Speaking Engagements

- CAOIE/OCTLA Palm Springs Seminar, “Fifty Shades of Employment: Turning The Hazy-Grey Employment Situation Into Clear Employer Liability,” May 21, 2016
- SFTLA Trial Boot Camp Series, “Developing Themes,” March 22, 2016
- CAOC 54th Annual Convention, “Trial Skills Track: Closing Statement – Building Your Economic Damages,” Speaker, November 2015
- San Joaquin County Trial Lawyers Association/Consumer Attorneys of California, “Full Compensation for Economic Damages in Light of Howell,” Speaker, June 2015
- BASF, “Effective Opening Statements: Civil and Criminal Litigation,” Speaker, May 2015
- CAOIE Palm Springs Seminar, “Tips for Litigating Catastrophic Personal Injury Cases in State Court,” Speaker, May 2015
- SFTLA, “Still Howelling After All This Time” Speaker, March 2015
- SFTLA, “Trial Talk With The Experts,” Speaker, March 2015
- CAOC Hawaii Travel Seminar, “Trial When It Hurts – The Value Of Going To Trial, Even On Difficult Cases” Speaker, December 2014
- SFTLA Seminar, “Openings & Closings by the Masters in Trial” Speaker, May 2014
- SFTLA Seminar, “Novel Approaches to Presenting Damages, Post-Howell and – Corenbaum” Speaker, February 2014
- SFTLA, New Lawyers Division Ski and CLE, “Full Value for Household Services” Speaker, February 2014
- CAOC College of Trial Arts, Hawaii Travel Seminar, “Damages: Getting Full Value,” Speaker, December 2013
- Creative Legal Funding Seminar, “Case Review & Medical Care Funding under Howell & Katiuzhinsky,” Speaker, July 2013
- SFTLA MCLE Seminar, “Damages in a Post-Howell World” Speaker, February 2013

### Professional Experience

- San Francisco Law School, Constitutional Law, Professor
- San Francisco Law School, Criminal Procedure in Action, Professor
- San Francisco Law School, Evidence, M.S. in Applied Criminology, Professor
- University of San Francisco, School of Law, Trial Practice, Guest Lecturer
- University of San Francisco, School of Law, Intensive Advocacy Program, Instructor
- Hastings School of Law, Trial Practice, Guest Lecturer

### Pro Bono Activities

- Cooperative Restraining Order Clinic, Volunteer
- Exploring New Horizons, Board Member and Board President
- Food From The Bar, San Francisco and Marin Food Banks, Active Volunteer
- Homeless Advocacy Project, Volunteer
- San Francisco Public School Parent Teacher Association, Active Member