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Practice Areas

Construction
Alternative Dispute
Resolution
Litigation

Bar Memberships

New Jersey
New York

Pete has a broad-based commercial litigation practice with substantial trial experience in a variety of forums, including federal courts, the state courts of New York and New Jersey, and both AAA and private party arbitration. He has extensive experience handling construction-related disputes, including contract claims and claims relating to change orders, construction defects, scheduling and delay, construction liens, public bidding, and design. His practice also includes commercial contract disputes, minority shareholder and partnership disputes, restrictive covenant litigation, defense of RICO and class action claims, and labor-related claims in the construction sector.

Pete is Co-Managing Partner of the firm, Partner-In-Charge of the Newark office, member of the Executive Committee, Partner Compensation Committee, and on the FBT Gibbons' Board of Directors. He served as the Chair of the firm's Professional Development Committee and as the firm's Director of Recruiting, Associate Retention and Lateral Hiring for more than fifteen years. He is a Trustee of the Association of the Federal Bar of New Jersey, serves on the New Jersey Judicial and Prosecutorial Appointments Committee (JPAC), and is a former Trustee of the Trial Attorneys of New Jersey. Pete obtained his Mediation Certification from the Harvard Law School Program on Negotiation. Prior to joining the firm, Pete worked in the construction industry.

Other Info About Pete

Experience

Representative Cases

Construction

Glenwood Pier Condominium Association, Inc. v. River Road Associates, et al.

Gibbons represents the Glenwood Pier Condominium Association, the plaintiff in a lawsuit involving the construction of more than 160 luxury condominiums built on top of a 100-year-old pier structure (which formerly supported a Celotex manufacturing plant). The claims, which all relate to the pier structure and have been asserted against the developers and designers of the condominium complex, involve errors in design, construction defect, and various breaches of warranty and statutory claims. The plaintiff seeks in excess of \$26 million. The case continues to proceed in mediation before the Honorable James D. Clyne (retired).

Independence Harbor Condominium Association v. Hartz Mountain Industries, et al. – Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division, Bergen County

The firm represented Independence Harbor Condominium Association in a construction defects lawsuit against the condominium's developer, the contractors responsible for its construction, and the designers. The claims included breach of warranty, violations of New Jersey's Planned Real Estate Development Full Disclosure Act, violations of New Jersey's Consumer Fraud Act, and design error and omission claims. Pete was one of two lead trial attorneys from Gibbons on this matter, which was successfully tried before a jury, resulting in a multi-million dollar verdict. Thereafter, the firm negotiated and documented a series of settlements between the various parties.

Fabcon East, LLC v. Steiner Building Co., NYC, et al. – Supreme Court of New York

The firm represented Fabcon, a precast wall manufacturer, in a breach of contract claim against Steiner in connection with the construction of a movie studio located at the Brooklyn Navy Yard. Pete was lead trial counsel in this matter, which was successfully

tried before a judge of the Supreme Court of New York, resulting in a verdict in Fabcon's favor awarding substantial compensatory damages, interest and attorney's fees, and denying defendant's counterclaim in its entirety.

Spearin, Preston & Burrows v. Maher Terminals – American Arbitration Association

The firm represented Spearin, Preston & Burrows, a marine contractor, in a breach of contract action against Maher Terminals, for which Spearin performed a substantial wharf modernization project at Maher's Port Newark facility. Pete was lead trial counsel in this matter, which was successfully arbitrated before a three-arbitrator panel of the American Arbitration Association, resulting in a multi-million dollar award in Spearin's favor, and a complete denial of Maher's multi-million dollar counterclaim.

AMB Property, L.P. v. Century 21 Construction Corporation, et al. – Superior Court of New Jersey, Bergen County

The firm represented AMB Property, L.P., a substantial commercial property owner, in a construction defects litigation against the property's developer, contractor, and design professionals. AMB's brand new warehouse facility suffered a significant roof collapse, resulting in millions of dollars in damages sustained by AMB. Pete was co-lead counsel in this matter, which was litigated in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Bergen County. The firm ultimately negotiated and documented a successful, multi-party settlement on the eve of trial.

AMEC Civil, LLC, v. New Jersey Department of Transportation – Superior Court of New Jersey, Monmouth County

Pete is lead counsel in this matter in which the firm represents the New Jersey Department of Transportation in defense of AMEC Civil, LLC's lawsuit involving the construction of a bridge in Belmar, NJ. The plaintiff's claims are in excess of \$40 million. In December 2008, the trial court issued an extensive opinion and an order granting 13 separate motions for partial summary judgment filed by NJDOT relating to a variety of issues, including certain contractual and statutory defenses to AMEC's claims. As a result, significant components of AMEC's damages and delay claims were

eviscerated. The court's opinion is noteworthy for its comprehensive treatment of issues impacting public construction projects in New Jersey and for its strict enforcement of the contractual and statutory provisions governing the relationship between contractors and the state. AMEC filed an interlocutory appeal of the trial court's decision, which was denied. In September 2009, the parties agreed to a settlement of all of AMEC's claims.

General Commercial

New Meadowlands Stadium Company, LLC, et al. v. New Jersey Sports & Exposition Authority

When complete, the American Dream Meadowlands project will have cost more than \$4 billion and will be one of the largest, most unique shopping, entertainment, and tourism centers in the world, creating thousands of jobs during construction and, ultimately, permanent, full-time employment. Pete represents the **state of New Jersey** and the landlord, **New Jersey Sports & Exposition Authority** (NJSEA), with respect to various litigations related to American Dream for NJSEA. One involved a lawsuit by the New Meadowlands Stadium Company, New York Giants, and New York Jets alleging that proposed modifications to the project – adjacent to their stadium – would violate their alleged contract rights and cause major traffic and parking problems. Pete and the Gibbons team were able to get various aspects of the complaints dismissed over the course of the litigation and ultimately helped secure a mutually beneficial settlement allowing the project to move forward without inconveniencing our home football teams.

New Jersey Account Wagering, LLC v. New Jersey Sports & Exposition Authority

Plaintiff New Jersey Account Wagering, LLC, filed a lawsuit seeking injunctive relief precluding the NJSEA from utilizing an outside vendor to manage the statutorily created account wagering system, the system that enables bettors to place wagers on horse races by telephone, internet, or in person at one of the racetracks in the state of New Jersey. The NJSEA has filed a motion to dismiss the plaintiff's complaint, which is currently pending before Judge Cecchi.

Sery v. Federal Business Centers, et al.

Gibbons represented the lead defendant in a lawsuit in which the plaintiffs alleged minority shareholder oppression and breach of fiduciary duty. The case was venued in the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey. Pete was one of two Gibbons attorneys principally responsible for the representation of Federal Business Centers, Inc., a New Jersey commercial real estate corporation that owns and operates real estate, primarily in New Jersey's Raritan Center business complex. Plaintiffs' claims exceeded \$100 million. The firm achieved a complete victory for the company at the Summary Judgment phase, when all of the plaintiffs' claims were dismissed.

Reported Decisions

New Meadowlands Stadium Co., LLC v. Triple Five Group Ltd., 2012 N.J. Super. Unpub. LEXIS 1920 (Ch. Div. Aug. 9, 2012)

Liquid Glass Enter. v. Dr. Ing. hcF Porsche AG, 8 F. Supp. 2d 398 (D.N.J. 1998)

Education

Rutgers School of Law – Newark, J.D.

Bucknell University, B.A., cum laude

Clerkships

Law clerk to the Honorable Alfred J. Lechner, Jr., United States District Court for the District of New Jersey

Courts

United States District Court for the District of New Jersey

United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York

United States District Court for the Southern District of New York

United States District Court for the District of Colorado

United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

United States District Court for the Middle District of Georgia

Supreme Court of the United States

Recognition

Named 2027 “Lawyer of the Year” for Construction Law in Newark by [The Best Lawyers in America®](#)

Recognized in the 2027 edition of [The Best Lawyers in America®](#) for work in Construction Law, Commercial Litigation, Bet-the-Company Litigation, and Litigation – Construction.

Chambers USA, Litigation: General Commercial, 2026

Included on the *ROI-NJ* “Super 75” Influencers Power list, [2026](#)

Recipient, *NJBIZ Leaders in Law Award*; Business: Corporate, Nonprofit, Franchise, M&A, Litigation, 2026

Included on the BINJE “Power Players” list, [2026](#)

Included on the *NJBIZ* “Law Power” list, [2025](#)

Included on the *NJBIZ* list, “[100 Most Powerful People in New Jersey Business](#),” [2022](#), [2023](#)

Included on the [Chambers USA Guide to America’s Leading Lawyers for Business](#) list, Construction and Litigation: General Commercial

Recognized by [Best Lawyers®](#), 2027 Edition: Bet-the-Company Litigation; Commercial Litigation; Construction Law; Litigation – Construction

Recognized by [Best Lawyers®](#), 2027 Edition: “Lawyer of the Year,” Construction Law in Newark, NJ; 2026 Edition: “Lawyer of the Year,” Litigation – Construction in Newark, NJ; 2025 Edition: “Lawyer of the Year,” Bet-the-Company Litigation in Newark, NJ

Included on the [New Jersey Super Lawyers](#) list, Construction Litigation

Top 100 Attorney in New Jersey, 2011, 2025

Recipient, *NJBIZ* [Icon Award](#), 2023

Included on the *ROI-NJ* "[Champions of the C-Suite](#)" list, 2023

Included on the [Benchmark Litigation](#) "Litigation Stars" list, Business & Commercial Litigation

Recipient, *The Italian Voice* [Stivale D'Italia Award of Excellence](#), 2014

Professional Affiliations

American College of Trial Lawyers
Fellow

United States Secret Service
New York/New Jersey Electronic Crimes Task Force

New Jersey State Bar Association
Construction and Public Contracting Law Section

American Bar Association
Forum on the Construction Industry

Trial Attorneys of New Jersey
Former Trustee

Construction Lawyers Society of America
Fellow

Litigation Counsel of America
Inducted in 2007

State of New Jersey Judicial and Prosecutorial Appointments
Committee (JPAC)
Member

Association of the Federal Bar of New Jersey
Trustee

American Bar Foundation
Fellow

Harvard Law School, Program on Mediation
Certified Mediator

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Board member, 2008–present
President, 2009–2013

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