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Overview

Peter Hitson is a legal industry project management executive with more than 25 years of legal, claims, and financial services experience. He brings deep practical knowledge of Lean and Six Sigma disciplines to drive Carlton Fields' innovative legal project management (LPM) objectives. As director of legal project and practice management, he collaborates with firm leadership and attorneys on cutting-edge project management tools and techniques, improving project scoping, planning, and budgeting.

Previously, Peter was director of legal process innovation at Wilson Elser. In that role, he led strategic innovation, making sophisticated use of data and market knowledge in pursuit of operational excellence.

Prior to joining Wilson Elser, he was assistant vice president, legal practices, support & audit for The Hartford Financial Services Group Inc., where he was charged with selection, retention, evaluation, and management of outside counsel and other legal vendors. He also oversaw The Hartford's legal invoice review services and legal e-billing initiative, and was national manager of panel counsel and managing attorney for claims. Prior to his work at The Hartford, Peter was in private practice.

Peter has earned and received a number of awards and distinctions for his LPM work, including Legal Lean Sigma White Belt, Six Sigma Green Belt Training Program, CLM Certified Litigation Management Professional Certificate Program at NYU, Accredited Legal Project Manager certification, and National Institute of Trial Advocacy Training Program. He is a member of the True Value Partnering Institute and the DRI: The Voice of the Defense Bar and the Claims and Litigation Management Alliance.

All Insights

04.13.2020 Embracing Technology in a Changing Legal Landscape

All News

12.10.2019 Carlton Fields' TMap Tool Featured in Media

12.09.2019	Carlton Fields Launches Proprietary Trademark Monitoring Tool
11.04.2019	Carlton Fields' C. Peter Hitson Quoted in Law.com Article about Legal Tech
11.01.2019	Carlton Fields Builds Litigation Budgeting Tool with Neota Logic
10.31.2019	Carlton Fields Launches Toolkit to Streamline Compliance with New California Privacy Law
09.26.2019	Carlton Fields Selects Neota Logic AI Automation Platform to Develop Transformative Legal Applications
08.23.2019	Carlton Fields' Innovation Technology Clerk Wins 3rd Place in Law School Admission Council's Inaugural Justice Innovation Challenge
06.10.2019	Is Your Company Subject To GDPR? Find Out With Carlton Fields' GDPR Assessment Tool
12.10.2018	Carlton Fields Director of Legal Project and Practice Management Earns Accredited Legal Project Manager Designation
04.09.2018	Carlton Fields Adds Preeminent Project Management Executive

Recognition

- Certified by the Claims and Litigation Management Alliance (CLM) as a Claims Litigation Management Professional
- Accredited Legal Project Manager (ALPM), True Value Partnering Institute
- Legal Lean Sigma White Belt
- Six Sigma Green Belt Training Program
- National Institute of Trial Advocacy Training Program

Professional & Community Involvement

- Claims and Litigation Management Alliance
 - Advisory Board (2007–2015)
 - Chair (2010–2011)
- Defense Research Institute (DRI)
- True Value Partnering Institute

Speaking Engagements

- “Getting Started in Your App Building Journey,” Neota Network, Neota Logic

User Group Annual Conference, New York, NY (October 24, 2019)

- “Law Firm Innovation” The CLM Litigation Management Symposium, Chicago, IL (October 17, 2019)
- “Litigation Discovery Practices,” Zurich American Insurance Company, Hartford, CT (September 11, 2019)
- “Legal Project Management in the Modern Firm,” LMA Strategies Live Podcast (June 25, 2019)
- “Legal Project Management: Avoiding Malpractice and Bar Complaints,” Carlton Fields CLE Presentation, Tampa, FL (March 7, 2019)

Credentials

EDUCATION

- University of Pittsburgh School of Law (J.D., 1991)
- Denison University (B.A., 1988)

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Connecticut
- Pennsylvania
- West Virginia

COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of West Virginia
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit

Background

- Wilson Elser
- The Hartford Financial Services Group Inc.