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Peter H. Levitt is a partner in the Miami office of Shutts & Bowen LLP, where he is Co-Chair of the International Litigation and Arbitration Practice Group.

Peter's broad-based practice involves representing financial institutions, property owners and investors in a wide variety of complex bankruptcy and commercial disputes, many of which involve litigation in multiple jurisdictions. His primary expertise is in bankruptcy, insolvency and real estate law with an emphasis on litigation arising in these contexts. Peter has tried numerous cases in federal and state courts. He also has substantial appellate experience, having argued significant cases in multiple federal and state jurisdictions.

During law school at Columbia University, Peter was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar and the Research and Writing Editor of the Columbia Human Rights Law Review. He received his B.A., with highest honors, from Binghamton University and is a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

Prior to joining Shutts, Peter practiced law in New York with Chadbourne & Parke. He continues to be admitted to practice in New York.

Significant Matters

Peter's significant engagements have included:

- representing a large international commercial insurer in numerous Florida actions involving enforcement of foreign country judgments;
- representing a European trust in transnational commercial and probate litigation;
- representing one of the largest national banks in multi-district lender liability litigation arising from involuntary bankruptcy proceedings;
- representing a national airline in bankruptcy litigation arising from the breach of a complex joint venture agreement;

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- representing banking regulators in litigation arising from bank failures and receiverships;
- representing environmental regulators in bankruptcy and litigation matters involving the protection of wetlands; and,
- representing numerous national and regional lenders in foreclosure, loan workout and bankruptcy matters involving major commercial and real estate loans.

Practice Areas

Creditors' Rights and Bankruptcy

Litigation

Complex Loan Workouts

International Litigation and Arbitration

Accolades

- [Martindale-Hubbell AV® Preeminent™ Rated, 5.0 out of 5.0](#)
- *Daily Business Review*, Most Effective Lawyers - Business/Complex Litigation, 2017
- *Best Lawyers in America*
 - Commercial Litigation, 2025
 - Litigation - Bankruptcy, 2024, 2025
 - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights, Insolvency and Reorganization Law, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025

Education

- Columbia University Law School, J.D., 1982
- Binghamton University, B.A., with highest honors

Bar Admissions

Florida

New York

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit

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- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Florida