

**Peter E. Cooper**

Partner

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Peter E. Cooper joined Lawrence Kamin in July 1998, after positions with a Chicago securities litigation boutique and two diversified New York law firms. Peter's practice includes representing broker-dealers and registered representatives in customer complaints and securities arbitrations and lawsuits, and representing both plaintiffs and defendants in non-securities litigation ranging from business torts and breaches of contract to Truth-in-Lending Act claims.

Peter attempts to bring three essential attributes to all matters: a commitment to listening, an ability to structure and simplify complex legal and economic arguments and an appreciation for the value of clients' financial and human resources. "While we pride ourselves in our experience in handling disputes ranging from complex litigations to simple collections, we recognize that our clients are not in the business of litigating," says Cooper. "We measure our success not merely by victories in the courtroom, but by our clients' ability to continue uninterrupted in their daily lives and businesses while we advocate for them."

Through application of these attributes, Peter has achieved success before both judges and juries in court, and before arbitration panels and mediators in alternative dispute resolution. For example, in a jury trial, Peter secured a verdict greater than the damages he sought in the complaint, and successfully obtained payment of that judgment within three months. Likewise, in a recent Chicago Board Options Exchange arbitration, Peter and his team not only assisted the client to avoid all liability, but also helped to establish an accepted course of performance in the industry. Just as significantly, Peter and his colleagues have succeeded in having a remarkable number of matters—both court cases and arbitration proceedings—dismissed on motion, thus avoiding the risks and costs inherent in litigation.

An adjunct professor at the IIT Chicago-Kent School of Law, Peter previously served as the chair of the Securities Litigation and Enforcement Subcommittee of the Chicago Bar Association Securities Law Committee. Peter remains active in the Chicago Lincoln American Inn of Court, and recently published and discussed *Securities Mediation: An Alternate Path to Claims Resolution* at the National Regulatory Service Fall 2006 Compliance Conference.

Peter, his wife and four children, live in Glen Ellyn, Illinois, where, after 12 years of coaching soccer, Peter finally has hung up his whistle. A Washington Nationals baseball fan, Peter observes that Cubs' fans have a 96-year head start on handling the futility of a disappointing season.



**Practice Areas**

Litigation  
Securities

**Experience**

Lawrence, Kamin, Saunders & Uhlenhop LLC  
Partner: 2000-Present  
Associate: 1998-2000

**Education**

New York University, J.D., 1984  
Cornell University, B.A., 1980

**Bar Admissions**

State of Illinois  
State of New York

**Court Admissions**

United States District Courts  
Northern District of Illinois  
Southern, Eastern and Northern Districts  
of New York  
United States Courts of Appeal  
Seventh Circuit  
Second Circuit

**Professional Memberships  
& Affiliations**

American Bar Association  
Securities Litigation Committee  
Securities Arbitration Subcommittee  
Chicago Bar Association  
Securities Law Committee  
Chair, Securities Litigation and  
Enforcement Subcommittee, 1998-99  
Illinois Institute of Technology  
Chicago-Kent College of Law,  
Adjunct Professor  
Chicago Lincoln Inn of Court, AIC  
Cornell University  
Cornell University Council  
Cornell Club of Chicago, President

**Community Service**

Village of Glen Ellyn, IL – Village Trustee