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Silas Petersen practices in the areas of commercial and franchise litigation. Silas's practice includes representing franchisors and other businesses in litigation involving breach of contract, business torts, and franchise statutes. He also has experience with trademark claims, employment litigation, and shareholder disputes.

Silas has written for the Franchise Law Journal and currently serves on the steering committee for the ABA Forum on Franchising's Litigation and Dispute Resolution Division. While in law school, Silas served as a judicial intern to the Honorable Patrick J. Schiltz on the U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota and as a Managing Senior Editor for the Notre Dame Journal of Law, Ethics & Public Policy.

Education

- University of Notre Dame Law School (J.D., cum laude)
 - Managing Senior Editor, Notre Dame Journal of Law, Ethics & Public Policy
- Bethany Lutheran College (B.A., summa cum laude)

Bar/Court Admissions

- Minnesota
- U.S. District Court, Minnesota

Recognition

Franchise Legal Eagle by Franchise Times,

Clerkships

- Judicial Extern, Honorable Patrick J. Schiltz, United States District Court for the District of Minnesota

Professional Activities

- ABA Forum on Franchising, Litigation and Dispute Resolution Committee, 2025-Present

Services

- Business Litigation
- Franchise and Distribution

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Franchising is not to be undertaken lightly. It is important that new franchisors take the appropriate steps to position themselves and their franchisees for success. The first step is to learn what it means to franchise a business. If you are new to franchising, I recommend that you review the material on this website, talk to other franchisors and please reach out to one of our franchise attorneys if you have questions. We are here to help.



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