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Peter is the national Chair of Fasken's Product Liability Group, which has been named Canada's Product Liability Firm of the Year by Benchmark in four of the past five years, and Canadian Life Sciences Product Liability Firm of the Year by LMG Life Sciences in two of the past three years. Peter acts as trial and appellate counsel in product liability and class actions proceedings in courts across Canada, as well as the Supreme Court of Canada. Peter regularly serves as lead national defense counsel for clients in class actions in Canada involving various products, including in particular drugs and medical devices. Peter has extensive experience managing the Canadian defense of cross-border legal proceedings involving parallel claims on both sides of the Canada-US border. In this context, Peter closely collaborates with his clients' outside counsel in the US, developing and executing defense plans in a strategic and cost-efficient manner. Peter has also been counsel in several leading appellate decisions on the law of jurisdiction in Canada, including the landmark 2012 Supreme Court of Canada case which established a new (and improved, from a defense perspective) legal test for determining when a Canadian court is entitled to take jurisdiction over a lawsuit against a foreign defendant. Peter is widely recognized as one of Canada's leading litigation lawyers by numerous publications and organizations including, among others, Chambers (listed as one of four Canadian lawyers in Band 1 for product liability), Who's Who Legal-Product Liability (listed as one of the "Most Highly Regarded Individuals" in the world), Who's Who Legal-Thought Leaders (the top 2% of lawyers ranked in Who's Who Legal across all of its practice areas from around the world) and LMG-Life Sciences (named the 2016 Canadian Product Liability Attorney of the Year).