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Peter Lee has been engaged in the practice of IP law for over 25 years, starting out in private practice in Philadelphia at Synnestvedt & Lechner, moving on to an in-house counsel position at Schlumberger Limited, and ultimately becoming Chief Counsel, Intellectual Property at Thermo Fisher Scientific - the premier provider of analytical instruments, scientific equipment, reagents, consumables and laboratory supplies in the world. In his current capacity, Peter has responsibility for IP related legal matters of Thermo Fisher, including litigation in the US and other jurisdictions.

Although primarily a US-trained lawyer, Peter is originally from the Far East, speaks Mandarin, and has participated in the evolution and development of China's patent system since its creation in 1984. He helped to train the initial teams of patent examiners, lawyers and judges starting 1985, and has represented US and European IP owners in settling IP disputes in China over the years.

From 1991 to 2001, Peter was the International IP Counsel of Schlumberger Oilfield Services, and then the general counsel of Schlumberger Research, based in Cambridge, England. In these capacities Peter managed contentious and non-contentious IP and research–related matters in European jurisdictions such as the EPO, UK Patent Office, the European Commission, and the national courts of England, Scotland, France, Germany, and Norway. He has assisted in various legal initiatives at Schlumberger, such as to create a distributed research network in the former Soviet Union, and to set up a research center in Saudi Arabia.

Peter has an AB degree in physics from Princeton University, and a JD degree from Boston College Law School. He has been a member of Literacy Volunteers of America (Connecticut section), a member of the board of governors of the Newnham Croft School, Cambridge, England, and a volunteer mentor at the Snowden School, Boston. He has chaired various subcommittees of the American Bar Association, concerning Trade Secrets Law and China IP Law, and is currently a member of the ABA, AIPLA, ACPC, and AIPPI.