

Curriculum Vitae of Peter W. Thomas, J.D.

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Employment

Powers, Pyles, Sutter & Verville, P.C.	(1992 to present)
Principal	(1999 to present)
Associate	(1994 to 1999)
Associate, White, Verville, Fulton & Saner	(1992 to 1994)

Since joining the Washington, DC-based Powers Law Firm in February 1992, Peter Thomas has focused his practice on federal law, legislation, regulation and public policy involving health care, rehabilitation, disability and chronic illness. He has extensive experience in Medicare coverage and reimbursement policy, medical rehabilitation services, devices and research, health care appropriations, and vocational and community services and supports. He has been elected to the firm's Executive Committee five times and Chairs the PPSV Political Action Committee ("PAC").

National Association for the Advancement of Orthotics and Prosthetics	(1992 to present)
General Counsel	

Areas of Substantive Expertise Based on Client Representations

- Inpatient hospital rehabilitation from a facility (IRF) and patient perspective
- Physical medicine and rehabilitation from a physician perspective
- Orthotic braces and prosthetic limbs from a provider and consumer perspective
- Coverage, coding and payment of Medicare services and devices
- Brain injury treatment and rehabilitation from a provider and consumer perspective
- Organ transplantation from a surgeon perspective
- End stage renal disease (ESRD) from a provider perspective
- Outpatient therapy, durable medical equipment, and post-acute care
- Chronic illness and alternative payment models
- Medicare audit and appeals counsel for health care providers
- Affordable Care Act implementation of private market reforms and Medicaid expansion
- Habilitation services from a provider and consumer perspective
- Vocational and community supports and services for people with intellectual disabilities
- Trauma services and recovery from a patient/family perspective
- Accreditation and certification of health care providers from accreditors' perspectives
- Disability and rehabilitation research policy and funding from a coalition perspective

Public Service

- *National Quality Forum (NQF) Committee on Patient and Family Centered Care*; Member; Spring 2014 to present.
- *Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)*: National Advisory Council; U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (1998 to 2001)
- *President's Advisory Commission on Consumer Protection and Quality in the Health Care Industry*: Chair; Subcommittee on Consumer Rights, Protections and Responsibilities (1997-1998)
- *National Institutes of Health (NIH)*: National Advisory Board for the Center on Medical Rehabilitation Research (“NCMRR”) at the Eunice K. Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (1992-1996)
- *Institute of Medicine (IOM)*: Institute of Medicine Committee on Improving the Disability Decision Process: SSA’s Listing of Impairments and Agency Access to Medical Expertise; National Academy of Sciences (2005-2006)

Non-Profit Board Participation

- American Trauma Society Board of Directors (2009 to present); Chair, Trauma Survivors Network (TSN) Committee (2012 to present)
- Viscardi Center Board of Directors (2013 to present)
- Center for International Rehabilitation ("CIR") / Physicians Against Land Mines Board of Directors (2003 to present)
- Foundation for Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Board of Directors (2002-2005)
- Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities ("CARF") Board of Trustees (2002-2004)

Coalition Leadership

- *CCD Health Task Force, Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (“CCD”)* Co-Chair (1993 to present): CCD is a national coalition comprised of over 120 national disability organizations interested in public policy from a disability perspective (www.c-c-d.org)
- *Disability and Rehabilitation Research Coalition (“DRRC”)*, formerly the National Center for Medical Rehabilitation Research (NCMRR) Coalition, Lead Coordinator of Coalition (2007 to present): DRRC is a 30-member coalition of national organizations representing professionals, researchers, health care providers, and consumers that seeks to maximize disability and rehabilitation research across the federal agencies
- *Independence Through Enhancement of Medicare and Medicaid (“ITEM”)* Coalition, Lead Coordinator of Coalition and Coalition’s Steering Committee (2003 to present): ITEM Coalition has nearly seventy national organizations as members. ITEM seeks to enhance access to assistive devices and technologies for people with injuries, illnesses and disabilities of all ages (www.ITEMCoalition.org)
- *Coalition to Preserve Rehabilitation (“CPR”)* Coalition, Lead Coordinator of Coalition (2007 to present): Comprised of 30 national organizations, CPR seeks to preserve patient access to rehabilitation therapies and services in the inpatient rehabilitation hospital and

outpatient settings, particularly under the Medicare and Medicaid programs
(www.preserverehab.org)

- *Habilitation Benefits Coalition* (“*HAB Coalition*”), Co-Lead Coordinator of the Coalition (2011 to present): HAB Coalition has over 30 national organizations as members and has focused on advocacy for broad, appropriate coverage of habilitation services and devices in private insurance plans under the Affordable Care Act
(www.habcoalition.wordpress.com)
- *Orthotic and Prosthetic* (“*O&P*”) *Alliance*, Lead Coordinator (2006 to present): O&P Alliance is a coalition of the five major O&P professional organizations representing the field in Washington, DC. The Alliance seeks to improve public policies and promote access to quality orthotic and prosthetic care for the benefit of patients and the providers who serve them (www.oandpalliance.org)

Grant Involvement

Investigator; “A Comparative Effectiveness Trial of Optimal Patient-Centered Care for U.S. Trauma Care Systems,” funded by the Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI); (2013-2016); As part of the research team, my role is to provide counsel on methods to maximize patient and family engagement in the context of the research project.

Education

- Georgetown University Law Center, Juris Doctor (J.D.) (1989)
- Notre Dame Summer Law School in London, England. (1988)
- Boston College, College of Arts and Sciences, Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) *cum laude*, (1986)
Major: Political Science;
Minor: History

Publications and Events (A brief summary of major writings and events over the past 20 years)

- Co-author of *The Americans with Disabilities Act: A Guidebook for Management and People with Disabilities* (250 pp.), Greenwood Publishing Group (1993).
- Author, “Don’t Listen to Anyone,” *You’re Not Alone*, 356 pp., (1991)
- Monthly articles on industry topics in AMRPA Magazine, the industry magazine for the American Medicare Rehabilitation Providers Association (1998 to present)
- Quarterly articles on professional topics for Orthotic and Prosthetic Business News, a national bimonthly publication (2000 to present)
- Quarterly articles on industry topics for Orthotic and Prosthetic Edge, a bimonthly national publication (2006 to present)
- Quarterly articles on professional topics in the Chimera, the magazine for the membership of the American Society of Transplant Surgeons (2003 to 2012)
- Quarterly articles on research policy and funding for newsletter of the Association of Academic Physiatrists (2008 to present)
- [Powers Principal Peter Thomas quoted in "'Happy to be Alive': Blast Amputees Confront Uncertain Road Ahead"](#)
- [Peter Thomas Awarded Lifetime Achievement Award by the Amputee Coalition](#)

- [Peter Thomas quoted in NY Times article on Medicaid Policy](#)
- [Peter Thomas testifies before the Institute of Medicine's Board on Health Care Services](#)
- [Peter Thomas Addresses Healthcare Reform's Impact on Hospitals & Physicians](#)
- [PPSV Co-Sponsors "Healthcare Reform: The Next Critical Steps"](#)
- [PPSV holds Healthcare Reform Webinars](#)
- [Peter Thomas Attends President Obama Ceremony on Passage of Health Care Reform](#)
- [PPSV Medicare Appeals Team Presents to AHA Membership](#)
- [PPSV Analysis of Election Results and Impact on Health Care](#)
- [Jimmo v. Sebelius – Settlement Agreement Has Major Implications on Medicare Beneficiaries with Disabilities and Chronic Conditions](#)
- [The New Healthcare Reform Law's Impact on Physicians: Medicare, Medicaid and Related Physician Issues](#)
- [PPACA's Impact on Chronic Care Coordination, Rehabilitation, Post Acute & Long Term Care](#)
- [The New Healthcare Reform Law - What It Means for Providers, Practitioners and Consumers](#)
- [Proposed Changes to Medicare IRF Coverage Requirements](#)
- [FAIR Fund Supports Federal Court Litigation Challenging Unlawful Procedures by Medicare Recovery Audit Contractors \(RACs\)](#)
- [Written Statement of Peter W. Thomas, Esq., Co-Chair of the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities Health Task Force](#)
- [Solving the Riddle of Inpatient Rehabilitation Coverage](#)
- [Congress Increases TRICARE Program's Coverage of Assistive Technology](#)

Personal

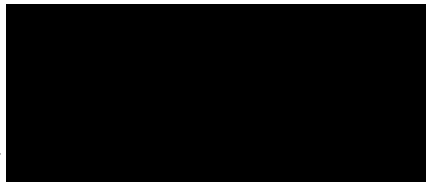
Peter Thomas is married to Beth Thomas and has three sons, Jeffrey, Andrew, and Teddy. They live in Chevy Chase, Maryland.

Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives

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Required by House Rule XI, Clause 2(g)

1. Your Name: Peter W. Thomas, J.D.		
2. Are you testifying on behalf of the Federal, or a State or local government entity?	Yes	No X
3. Are you testifying on behalf of an entity that is not a government entity?	Yes X	No
4. Other than yourself, please list which entity or entities you are representing: The Coalition to Preserve Rehabilitation		
5. Please list any Federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) that you or the entity you represent have received on or after October 1, 2011: None		
6. If your answer to the question in item 3 in this form is "yes," please describe your position or representational capacity with the entity or entities you are representing: Coordinator of the Coalition to Preserve Rehabilitation		
7. If your answer to the question in item 3 is "yes," do any of the entities disclosed in item 4 have parent organizations, subsidiaries, or partnerships that you are not representing in your testimony?	Yes	No X
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Date: May 20, 2014