

## **PETER BREEN**

Peter Breen serves as Executive Vice President & Head of Litigation for the Thomas More Society, leading the Society's Legal Team in service of its Life, Family, and Religious Liberty missions. During his twenty-five years of law practice, Breen has shown himself equally comfortable arguing in a federal courtroom, debating on the floor of a legislature, and explaining complex points of constitutional law in front of a television camera. Throughout, Breen has been in the thick of some of the nation's most significant legal and public policy battles.

Pastors, nonprofit leaders, and sidewalk advocates across the country call on Breen to advise and represent them in court. Elected officials at all levels seek his counsel on legislative issues. Television, radio, and print media look to Breen for expert legal analysis.

Breen left a lucrative private law practice in Chicago in 2004 to enter full-time public service. In 2008, Breen joined the Thomas More Society, working alongside its Founder and President, Tom Brejcha. Breen credits his success in the law to Brejcha's intense training and mentorship.

Breen also served two terms as an Illinois State Representative, 2015-2019, where he rose to become Republican Floor Leader—the lead debater on all bills that reached the Floor of the House. During each of his two terms, despite being in the minority, Breen shepherded more bills into law than any other legislator in his class. Breen also served four years on the Village of Lombard Board, including a stint as Interim Mayor, during which he eliminated the village's vehicle sticker tax and secured a property tax freeze for Lombard residents—the first property tax relief for residents in over 20 years. He was the first resident of the Village of Lombard in 140 years to be elected to the Illinois General Assembly. In addition, Breen founded two not-for-profit pregnancy resource centers in the western suburbs of Chicago, which served thousands of pregnant women in need and their children.

Breen received a Bachelor's in Electrical Engineering from Vanderbilt University, which he earned in 3 years. He then accepted a Notre Dame Law Scholarship to attend school there, earning his Juris Doctor. Breen also attended seminary for the Diocese of Joliet, Illinois, earning a Pre-Theology Certificate from Mundelein Seminary and studying at the Pontifical North American College in Rome.

Breen's wife, Margie, served as Director of the Archdiocese of Chicago Respect Life Office, under the late Francis Cardinal George. They are the parents of two sons by adoption.