

Bio: Peter Gibson Friesen

Peter Friesen received his undergraduate degree in Philosophy at Williams College in 1978. He thereafter attended graduate school in Public Administration at the University of Southern California, and received his law degree from the University of California, Hastings in 1982. Following graduation he received a research grant to study and write concerning the basis of hierarchy in bureaucratic organizations. In 1983 he entered into private practice in San Diego, and continued in private practice until March, 2007.

In the first years of his practice, Mr. Friesen tried criminal and civil cases before San Diego juries. He continued in a civil practice in the litigation of numerous business disputes. He has assumed the role of lead counsel in anti-trust cases, corporate and partnership dissolutions, slander and defamation against publishing entities, civil rights litigation alleging incompetent supervision and policy administration, and legal malpractice claims alleging mishandling of complex business disputes. He has examined and cross-examined hundreds of expert witnesses in many academic subjects. His career as a lawyer earned him local and national recognition as an accomplished litigator on complex subjects.

His academic and theoretical interests are not limited to legal subjects. Mr. Friesen has participated in two administrative studies of court systems, one in Washington D.C. and another in San Francisco. Results of those studies have since contributed to the formulation of "Fast Track" civil case management programs which have been adopted across the nation.

While pursuing a legal career, he completed a treatise entitled *On Freedom*, which discusses symmetries existing between intellectual, moral, and political systems. He has recently completed a second book entitled *Law and Economic Order*. These books use technologies manifest in human cognitive development and bureaucratic organization (in a field of study known as *Requisite Organization*) as a filter for the evaluation of ethical, linguistic, legal and economic systems. As a result of his work in *Requisite Organization*, Mr. Friesen has served on the advisory board of *Requisite Organization International Institute (ROII)*, an organization conceived and founded by Elliot Jaques.

Mr. Friesen's familiarity with diverse legal and employment structures benefits from both a practical and theoretical interest. Accordingly, he is able to transition between (1) matters of organization and practice necessary to form effective operations and maintenance organizations and (2) the complex legal and public policy considerations associated with the formation of institutions.