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Trying a case has to be among the most demanding things you can do, except maybe neurosurgery. You walk into a place that is full of enemies, and you have to convince them all that you are their friend. It's incredibly demanding and takes a lot of preparation, but it's also a lot of fun.

Paul concentrates his practice primarily on complex and high profile litigation, with a particular focus on sophisticated corporate and business disputes and complex matrimonial matters. He is recognized throughout New Jersey and nationally for his significant accomplishments and success as a litigator and trial lawyer.

Paul's experience spans a diverse range of practice areas, including partnership and corporate disputes, antitrust cases, professional malpractice defense, stock fraud, intellectual property, construction cases, complex chancery litigation and high profile matrimonial matters.

Throughout the years, Paul has represented clients in some of the most prominent and highly publicized litigations in New Jersey. His portfolio of noteworthy achievements, which includes both jury and non-jury trials, is the hallmark of a career that continues to be characterized by shrewd legal judgment and sharp-sighted natural instincts as a litigator.

Paul is the original author of **New Jersey Business Litigation**, the primary resource on how New Jersey courts have dealt with business issues in litigation, and has co-authored the book since 2014. He is also the co-author of **Guidebook to Chancery Practice in New Jersey**, the standard textbook utilized by judges and equity lawyers throughout the state.

Departments

Family Law
Litigation

Education

Columbia Law School, LL.B., 1961
Tufts University, B.A., 1958

Bar Admissions

New York, 1961
New Jersey, 1962
U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York
U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York
U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey
U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit
U.S. Tax Court

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HONORS & AWARDS

- American College of Trial Lawyers Fellow
- International Academy of Trial Lawyers Fellow
- American Bar Foundation Fellow
- Recipient of the Lifetime Achievement in Litigation Award from the *New Jersey Law Journal* (2014)
- Recipient of the Robert J. Cirafesi Chancery Practice Award (2014)
- Recipient of the National Judge Learned Hand Award (2013)
- Recipient of the Trial Bar Award from the Trial Attorneys of New Jersey (1993)
- Listed in *Chambers USA* (a publication of Chambers and Partners) in the Litigation: General Commercial practice area (2003 – present)
- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® (a trademark of Woodward/White, Inc.) in six practice areas: Appellate Practice, Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Family Law, Litigation - Construction, and Litigation - Real Estate (1989 – present)
- Selected by *Best Lawyers*® (a trademark of Woodward/White, Inc.) as Woodbridge "Lawyer of the Year" in Family Law and Litigation - Construction (2025); as Newark "Lawyer of the Year" in Bet-the-Company Litigation (2011); as Woodbridge "Lawyer of the Year" in Appellate Practice (2013); as Woodbridge "Lawyer of the Year" in Litigation – Real Estate (2014)
- The only attorney to ever receive the number one ranking for peer votes in the annual *New Jersey Super Lawyers* (a Thomson Reuters business) selection process for four consecutive years (2012 - 2015)
- Paul was featured on the cover and profiled in the 2013 edition of *New Jersey Super Lawyers* magazine (click here to view) and appeared on the publication's Top Ten list for the 11th consecutive year in 2017
- Listed in *New Jersey Super Lawyers* (a Thomson Reuters business) in the Business Litigation, Family Law, Construction Litigation: Business, and Appellate practice areas (2005 – present)
- Listed as a Local Litigation Star in New Jersey in *Benchmark Litigation* (a publication of Euromoney Institutional Investor PLC) in the Construction and General Commercial practice areas (2013– present)
- Selected for inclusion in the *Who's Who Legal 2017 - Compendium Edition* (a publication of Law Business Research Ltd.)
- Martindale-Hubbell® Peer Review Rated AV® Preeminent (a trademark of Internet Brands, Inc.)

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REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Results may vary depending on your particular facts and legal circumstances.

- In a seven month jury construction trial in which his client was sued for \$200 million for construction defects and consumer fraud, the jury returned a verdict against Paul's client of less than eight million dollars.
- Paul was lead trial counsel for the general creditors in the rehabilitation and liquidation of Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company, the largest life insurance company liquidation in United States history, which resulted in his clients, the general creditors, receiving at the end of the seven year rehabilitation period 125% of their claims.
- Paul was lead trial counsel for the defense in a ten month breach of contract, anti-trust and malicious interference trial involving Atlantic City casinos in which, at the conclusion, the plaintiffs' \$2 billion anti-trust claim and all of its other claims were dismissed.
- Paul procured the largest known equitable distribution award in New Jersey at the conclusion of a three month trial.

UNIQUELY NJ

- New Jersey State Bar Association; Family Law Section; Equity Jurisprudence Special Committee; Fee Arbitration Committee (past Chair)
- Essex County Bar Association (past President)
- Middlesex County Bar Association
- Legal Services Foundation of Essex County; Trustee and past President
- New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education (former Trustee)
- New Jersey Supreme Court Committee on Masters and Hearing Officers (former member)

MORE ACTIVITIES & EXPERIENCE

- American Bar Association; Litigation Section; Family Law Section

PRESENTATIONS & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Moderator and Lecturer, Hot Topics in Chancery Practice in New Jersey

Sponsor: *New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education*, January 26, 2022

Speaker, 2019 Family Law Summer Institute

Sponsor: *New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education*, July 23-24, 2019

Moderator/Presenter, The Definitive Guide to Chancery Practice in New Jersey

Sponsor: *New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education*, March 20, 2018

Featured Speaker, The Indispensable Guide to Chancery Practice

Sponsor: *New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education presented in cooperation with the NJSBA Equity Jurisprudence Committee*, October 23, 2014

Paul has lectured for NJICLE, NJ Law Journal, and other organizations addressing topics such as complex litigation, chancery practice, matrimonial law, oppressed minority stockholder litigation, restrictive covenants and trade secrets.

PUBLICATIONS & ALERTS

Co-Author, **New Jersey Business Litigation**

New Jersey Law Journal Books, (2019 Edition)

Co-Author, **Guidebook to Chancery Practice in New Jersey**

New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education, 2018 (10th Edition)

NEWS

2026 Edition of *Best Lawyers* Recognizes 54 Attorneys in 41 Practice Areas: Eight Greenbaum Lawyers Recognized on "Ones to Watch" List
August 21, 2025

2025 *Chambers USA* Guide Ranks Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis in Key Practice Areas and Recognizes 18 Attorneys as Leading Individuals
June 5, 2025

Thirty-Five Attorneys from Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis Selected for Inclusion in 2025 Edition of New Jersey Super Lawyers
March 20, 2025

2025 Edition of *Best Lawyers* Recognizes 56 Attorneys in 39 Practice Areas: Ten Greenbaum Lawyers Recognized on "Ones to Watch" List; Three Selected for "Lawyer of the Year" Recognition
August 15, 2024

2024 *Chambers USA* Guide Ranks Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis in Key Practice Areas and Recognizes 20 Attorneys as Leading Individuals
June 6, 2024

Thirty-Four Attorneys from Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis Selected for Inclusion in 2024 Edition of New Jersey Super Lawyers
March 26, 2024

2024 Edition of *Best Lawyers* Recognizes 59 Attorneys in 38 Practice Areas: Twelve Greenbaum Lawyers Recognized on "Ones to Watch" List; Five Selected for "Lawyer of the Year" Recognition
August 17, 2023

2023 *Chambers USA* Guide Ranks Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis in Key Practice Areas and Recognizes 22 Attorneys as Leading Individuals
June 9, 2023

2023 Edition of *Best Lawyers* Recognizes 51 Attorneys in 36 Practice Areas: Nine Greenbaum Lawyers Recognized on "Ones to Watch" List; Seven Selected for "Lawyer of the Year" Recognition
August 18, 2022