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About Paul

With more than two decades of experience, Paul helps Fortune 500 companies manage risk in high-profile products liability matters. He handles toxic tort and environmental litigation, having considerable experience in asbestos, silica, and occupational disease claims. He defends industrial product and equipment manufacturers, contractors, and premises owners in toxic tort personal injury claims involving pumps, valves, steam traps, boilers, turbines, and ceiling tiles. Paul oversees all aspects of the litigation process, defending clients in multiple jurisdictions. His clients include an engineering firm and a major appliance manufacturer with a global footprint.

He has also served as an instructor with Hinshaw University, the firm's nationwide attorney training and education program.

Paul's Affiliations

- American Bar Association
- Defense Research Institute

Areas of Focus

Industries: Energy & Environment

Services: Complex Tort & General Casualty

Recognition

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions – Defendants, 2023 – 2026
- *Leading Lawyers*, Toxic Torts Defense Laws
- University of Illinois Chicago School of Law, National Moot Court Team

Credentials

Education

University of Illinois Chicago School of Law (formerly The John Marshall Law School), JD, 1998

Loyola University Chicago, BA, *with honors*, 1994

Bar Admissions

Illinois

Court Admissions

US District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

Interests

Did you know...

Paul spends most of his free time with his family, exercising, and walking his dog.

Thought Leadership

Publications

- Co-Author, “*Nolan v. Weil-McLain*: Was it Worth the Wait? Yes, if You Have a Sole Proximate Cause Defense,” 8 DRI *The Voice* 14, April 22, 2009
- “The Asbestos Compensation Fairness Act,” DRI *For the Defense*, June 2003
- “Courts Reshape Conspiracy Litigation in Illinois,” 1 *Toxic Exposure Litigation*, Issue 1, 2000
- “The Welding Industry is Holding its Breath for the Next Potential Wave of Toxic Tort Litigation: Welding Fumes,” 1 *Toxic Exposure Litigation*, Issue 1, 2002

Press Releases

- 102 Hinshaw Lawyers Recognized in 2026 Editions of *The Best Lawyers in America*® and *Ones to Watch*™, Aug 21, 2025

- 105 Hinshaw Lawyers Recognized in 2025 Editions of Best Lawyers in America and Ones to Watch, Aug 15, 2024
- 101 Hinshaw Lawyers Recognized in 2024 Editions of Best Lawyers in America and Ones to Watch, Aug 17, 2023
- Eighty-Seven Hinshaw Lawyers Recognized in 2023 Editions of Best Lawyers in America and Ones to Watch, Aug 18, 2022