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Paul is the Chair of the firm's Corporate Department and former Managing Partner. He also practices in the Health Care Department. He is experienced with the representation and operation of both mature and emerging growth companies in a variety of industries, including energy and utilities, information technology, clean technology, telecommunications, biotechnology, health care services, manufacturing, and outsourcing.

Paul regularly represents clients in the areas of debt and equity financings, mergers, acquisitions, divestitures, joint ventures, strategic alliances, and corporate governance.

Paul has served as Vice President and General Counsel of a venture capital-backed pediatric health care services company and its pediatric clinical trials network. He was active in all aspects of business development, corporate strategy, and operations and was responsible for all of the companies' legal affairs, including equity and debt financing transactions, mergers and acquisitions, strategic alliances, licensing, real estate leasing, and contract negotiations.

Chambers USA lists Paul as one of the leading corporate/M&A lawyers in Connecticut and adds that he offers experience of working with mature and emerging growth companies from a range of sectors, including biotechnology and telecommunications. He is also listed in Best Lawyers in the area of Private Equity Funds.

Paul was awarded his J.D. with honors from the University of Connecticut School of Law, where he served as an Articles Editor at the Connecticut Law Review. Following graduation, he held the position of law clerk to Justice Fleming L. Norcott, Jr. of the Connecticut Supreme Court. He earned his B.A. from the University of Connecticut. Paul is admitted to practice in Connecticut.

Education

- University of Connecticut School of Law (J.D., 1993)
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- University of Connecticut (B.A., 1989)

Bar Admissions

- Connecticut

Publications

July 21, 2026
Chambers Global Practice Guide: Doing Business In 2026: USA – Massachusetts
Chambers Global Practice Guide: Doing Business In 2026

February 21, 2025
2024 M&A Year-End Report

February 15, 2024
2023 M&A Year-End Report

June 13, 2023
Practice Tips For Structuring Corporate Venture Capital Deals

February 10, 2023
2022 M&A End Year Report

January 27, 2023
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July 22, 2022
How to Check for Founder-Investor Alignment Before You Start Fundraising
TechCrunch

January 13, 2022
2021 M&A Year End Report

February 18, 2020
BioInsights Newsletter, Winter 2020

September 7, 2016
Proposed Immigration Rule for Entrepreneurs with Emerging Companies