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Paul chairs the firm's litigation practice group along with Tom Shorall. Paul focuses his practice on personal injury and insurance cases. He also has experience as lead counsel in complex business disputes. Paul routinely represents clients in nearly every locale of Arizona, and has represented both plaintiffs and defendants, both in tort cases and in the context of commercial and professional liability suits.

Paul is a Fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers. He is the former State Chair for the 2019-2021 term. The American Board of Trial Advocates has elected Paul an associate based upon his many jury trials and peer review. He was the Phoenix Chapter President in 2015.

In addition to his litigation practice, Paul is a frequent mediator and arbitrator. He draws upon his broad experience as a trial lawyer in helping to reach resolutions to lawsuits short of more expensive jury trials. Paul is a member of the National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals. Phoenix Magazine recognized Paul as a Top Lawyer in 2022 in the category of Arbitration and Mediation.

Before entering private practice in Phoenix, Paul was a law clerk to the Honorable Frank X. Gordon, Jr., the then Vice Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Arizona. Since that time, Paul has been appointed a judge pro tempore of the Maricopa County Superior Court (2002-2015).

The State Bar has certified Paul as a Specialist in Personal Injury and Wrongful Death Litigation since 1997. He is currently on the State Bar Personal Injury and Wrongful Death Advisory Commission.

Martindale-Hubbell, the directory of American law firms, has consistently given Paul its highest "AV" rating since 1995, based upon the reviews of his fellow Arizona attorneys. Paul has been included in Southwest Super Lawyers every year since 2007 and for 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 is listed among Super Lawyers "Top 50" Arizona

attorneys. Paul has been selected for inclusion in Arizona's Finest Lawyers and The Best Lawyers in America for Insurance Law, Insurance Litigation and Personal Injury Litigation. Best Lawyers has selected Paul as the Lawyer of the Year (Phoenix) for Personal Injury Litigation – Defense (2023). He has been listed in Top 100 Lawyers in Arizona – AZ Business Magazine, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022.

PRACTICE AREAS

Personal Injury Litigation
Alternative Dispute Resolution
Commercial Litigation

JURISDICTIONS

State of Arizona (1985)
State of Colorado (1986) (Inactive)
U.S. District Court, District of Arizona (1986)

EDUCATION

J.D., University of Arizona, College of Law (1985)
B.S., *cum laude*, Arizona State University (1980)

PUBLISHED DECISIONS

Johnson v. Pointe Community Ass'n, Inc., 205 Ariz. 485, 73 P.3d 616 (App. 2003) on remand 2004 WL 3248435 (Ariz. Super. 2004)

McGrath v. Scott, 250 F. Supp.2d 1218 (D. Ariz. 2003)

Wester v. Crown Controls Corp., 974 F. Supp. 1284 (D. Ariz. 1996)

Shoen v. Shoen, 933 F. Supp. 871 (D. Ariz. 1996)

Hayes v. Continental Ins. Co., 178 Ariz. 264, 872 P.2d 668 (1994)

Martinez v. Ind. Com'n of Ariz., 168 Ariz. 307, 812 P.2d 1125 (App. 1991)

Maricopa County v. Federal Ins. Co., 157 Ariz. 308, 757 P.2d 112 (App. 1988)