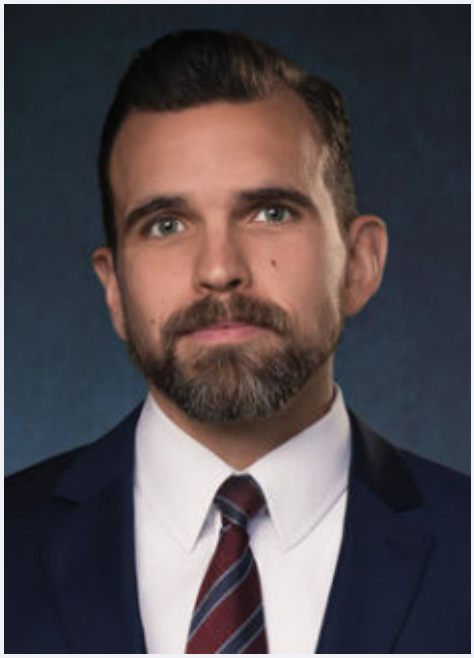
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Paul is an accomplished trial attorney whose practice draws on more than a decade of courtroom litigation, criminal investigations, and complex legal disputes. He focuses his practice on litigation, with a particular emphasis on white-collar and federal criminal defense, offering clients a unique perspective and a proven record of courtroom advocacy. Before joining Knox Law, he served as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania, where he prosecuted a wide range of federal matters including financial fraud, white-collar crime, healthcare fraud, drug trafficking conspiracies, human trafficking offenses, firearms violations, and organized crime. Before his federal service, Paul served as an Assistant District Attorney with the Erie County District Attorney's Office.

As a federal prosecutor, Paul played a leading role in major criminal investigations throughout western Pennsylvania, working closely with federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies. He coordinated multi-agency efforts targeting drug trafficking organizations and violent criminal enterprises. His work earned commendations and awards from several investigating agencies and associations, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Homeland Security Investigations, and the Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General. He also received individual and group awards from the Law Enforcement Agency Directors of Western Pennsylvania.

Throughout his career, Paul has tried more than forty felony cases to verdict in both state and federal court, including homicides, financial fraud, drug deliveries resulting in death, major drug conspiracies, and other serious criminal matters. His experience includes civil litigation, employment law, and municipal government, which gives him a broad perspective on legal problem-solving across multiple practice areas.

Paul represents individuals and entities in criminal and civil matters, offering the same trial-tested experience and judgment at every stage of litigation.

Practice Areas

- Litigation

Education

- Georgetown University Law Center, J.D., *GULC Barristers' Council; Student Intellectual Property Law Association; Labor and Employment Society; D.C. Law Students in Court Clinic*

- Patrick Henry College, B.S., *American Mock Trial Association; American Collegiate Moot Court Association*

Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

Representative Experience

- Served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the U.S. Attorney's Office in the Western District of Pennsylvania for seven years, and as an Assistant District Attorney for Erie County for nearly five years
- Tried over forty felony trials to verdict, including federal white-collar fraud and drug trafficking cases
- Prosecuted major drug trafficking networks, insurance and healthcare fraud, human trafficking violations, and corrupt organizations
- Litigated extensive discovery and evidentiary issues and routinely conducted a variety of hearings at every stage of the trial calendar
- Coordinated and directed 35-40 law enforcement personnel from 13 different federal, state, and municipal agencies as the U.S. Attorney's Office HIDTA attorney for Northwest Pennsylvania
- Oversaw investigations and prosecutions in coordination with the FBI's Erie Area Gang Law Enforcement (EAGLE) Safe Streets Task Force

Honors

- Inspector General's Award for Excellence in Promoting Quality, Safety, and Value, 2026
- Federal Bureau of Investigation, Director's Individual Commendation, 2024
- Law Enforcement Agency Directors, Individual Award, 2023
- Homeland Security Investigations, National Director Award, Transnational Gangs, 2023
- Law Enforcement Agency Directors, Group Award, 2020 and 2023

Community and Professional Service

Professional Affiliations

- Erie County Bar Association
- Allegheny County Bar Association
- Pennsylvania Bar Association

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