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Overview

Paul represents clients involved in administrative, land use, and development disputes, and assists public clients with all aspects of their work. He approaches matters with a blend of creativity, acuity, and pragmatism to spot key issues early on and simplify complex problems while keeping an eye on the big picture.

Representative work includes:

- **Administrative litigation:** Paul has won a wide variety of administrative disputes for his clients, including an attempt to invalidate the Massachusetts Gaming Commission's grant of a casino license, an agency's appeal from an adverse decision by one of its hearing officers, and a Department of Transportation "rocket docket" complaint. He also sits as an administrative hearing officer for a state agency.
- **Other public litigation:** Paul has successfully defended airports in constitutional and regulatory litigation, and municipalities from Open Meeting Law, procurement, and firearm licensing lawsuits. He also volunteers as a member of the Massachusetts Municipal Law Association's Amicus Committee.
- **Land use and development litigation:** Paul has represented municipal and private clients including developers of affordable housing in permitting appeals and other disputes involving land use and development. He has tried cases in both Land Court and Superior Court.
- **State and local government counseling:** Paul helps municipalities navigate a wide range of issues, and works extensively with the Massachusetts Gaming Commission on regulatory matters. Most recently, he helped the Commission develop and implement a new licensing and regulatory scheme after the Legislature authorized sports wagering in 2022.

Paul maintains an active *pro bono* practice focused on the sealing and expungement of criminal records. He has won relief for individual clients in trial courts and the Appeals Court; authored amicus briefs in important record-sealing cases; and provided litigation support for a legal aid organization. At its 2024 Access to Justice Celebration, the Massachusetts Bar Association recognized him as a "Rising Star" for his *pro bono* work. He has also authored amicus briefs and assisted with litigation in cases implicating public health, environmental justice, and similar issues.

Paul previously clerked for the Honorable James R. Milkey of the Massachusetts Appeals Court and to the Honorable Michael M. Baylson of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. A former member of the MIT Corporation, he currently serves on the Board of the MIT Alumni Association and has held many other volunteer leadership roles at MIT.

PRACTICE AREAS

Litigation
Public Law
Airports

CREDENTIALS

Education

Harvard Law School, J.D. 2018,
cum laude
President and Editor-in-Chief,
Harvard Journal on Legislation
MIT, S.B., 2012

Admissions

United States Court of Appeals for
the Eighth Circuit
Massachusetts
U.S. District Court, District of
Massachusetts
United States Court of Appeals for
the Ninth Circuit

Clerkship

Honorable James R. Milkey,
Massachusetts Appeals Court
Honorable Michael M. Baylson,
U.S. District Court, Eastern District
of Pennsylvania

Recognitions

Massachusetts Super Lawyers
Rising Star, 2024
Massachusetts Bar Association
Access to Justice Rising Star
Award, 2024
Best Lawyers – Municipal Law,
2024-2025
SJC Pro Bono High Honor Roll,
2023
SJC Pro Bono High Honor Roll,

2022

SJC Pro Bono Honor Roll, 2021

MIT Alumni Association Margaret

L.A. MacVicar '65, ScD '67 Award,
2018

Rappaport Fellows Program in
Law and Public Policy, 2016,
Fellow

Karl Taylor Compton Prize, 2012