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PRACTICE AREAS

Estates & Trusts • Estate Litigation • Health • Commercial Litigation • Insurance Litigation
• Regulated Professions

BIOGRAPHY

Born in St. John's, Newfoundland, Paul was admitted to the Newfoundland and Labrador Bar in 1984, having completed his education at Memorial University of Newfoundland (B.A., 1978) and Osgoode Hall (J.D., 1983).

Paul is a member of the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP), and is co-chair of the St. John's Wills, Estates and Trusts practice group. His practice focuses primarily on estate planning, estate administration and estate litigation. He has advised or represented individuals, attorneys, trustees, trust companies and financial institutions, and is experienced in advising or representing parties in contentious proceedings involving such matters as will interpretation, executor removal, will challenges, passing of accounts, ownership of joint accounts, testamentary capacity, guardianship, variation of trusts, winding-up of trusts, discharge of trustees and estate costs.

Paul is a former President of the Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador, former Adjunct Professor (Humanities) in the Faculty of Medicine of Memorial University of Newfoundland, and past Director and Chair of the Historic Sites Association of Newfoundland and Labrador. He was formerly Director and Chair of St. Michael's Artists-Printmakers Association, Director and Chair of Kids Eat Smart Foundation Newfoundland and Labrador, and a Director of Bannerman Park Foundation. Paul presently serves as a Chair of the Newfoundland Symphony Orchestra.

As a member of Canadian Bar Association, Paul was President of the Newfoundland and Labrador Branch (1993-1994), Chair of the National Health Law Section (1997-1998), a member of the National Communications Committee (1993-1996), a member of the CBA/Supreme Court of Canada Liaison Committee (1998-2000) and a former Provincial Chair of the Elder Law Section of CBA.

Paul was a member of the Provincial Advisory Committee on Genetics Issues, developing guidelines for human genetic research in Newfoundland and Labrador, and he chaired the CBA National Health Law Committee on New Reproductive and Genetic Technologies.

Paul was awarded the Canadian Bar Association – Newfoundland and Labrador Branch's Distinguished Public Service Award for 2002. This award was instituted by the Newfoundland and Labrador Branch in 2000 to recognize outstanding contributions to community service.

INDUSTRY RECOGNITION & AWARDS

- Member of the Society of Trust and Estate Professionals
- Recognized consistently in the Canadian Lexpert Directory as a leading practitioner in the field of Medical Negligence (represents defendants)

- Listed as a leading practitioner by the publication *The Best Lawyers in Canada* since 2008 for his practice in the area of Health Care Law
- Canadian Bar Association (NL) Distinguished Public Service Award (2002)
- “Advocate for Art” recognition conferred by the Art Gallery of Newfoundland and Labrador (2001)

LANGUAGES

- English

LAW SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS

- Canadian Bar Association
- Law Society of Newfoundland & Labrador

BAR ADMISSION

- Newfoundland and Labrador (1984)

LAW SCHOOL

- Osgoode Hall Law School

EDUCATION

- Memorial University of Newfoundland (B.A. 1978)
- Osgoode Hall Law School (J.D. 1983)

PUBLICATIONS

- Significant Development in the Law of Guardianship in Newfoundland and Labrador
- Update: The Supreme Court of Newfoundland and Labrador Clarifies Probate Fees Payable for Pre-June 2015 Estates
- The Supreme Court of Newfoundland and Labrador to clarify probate fees payable pursuant to the Services Charges Act

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & AFFILIATIONS

- Past President, Canadian Bar Association (NL Branch) (1993-1994)
- Chair, Canadian Bar Association, National Health Law Section (1997-1998)
- Member, Canadian Bar Association, National Communications Committee (1993-1996)
- Member, Canadian Bar Association, CBA/Supreme Court of Canada Liaison Committee (1998-2000)
- Past Provincial Chair, Elder Law Section of CBA
- Member, Provincial Advisory Committee on Genetic Research
- Past Chair, CBA Health Law Committee on New Reproductive and Genetic Technologies

ACTIVITIES WITHIN FIRM

- Member, Estates & Trusts practice group
- Member, Litigation practice group

COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

- Chair, Board of Directors, Newfoundland Symphony Orchestra
- Board of Directors, Bannerman Park Foundation
- Honourary Bencher and Former President, Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador
- Former President, Canadian Bar Association (NL Branch)
- Past Board Chair of Kids Eat Smart Foundation Newfoundland and Labrador
- Adjunct Professor (Humanities), Memorial University Faculty of Medicine (2000-2013)
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