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## Overview

Paul helps clients resolve complex business and real estate disputes through litigation, arbitration, mediation and negotiation.

Paul represents clients in litigation relating to business and real estate disputes, condemnation and eminent domain, property tax appeals, commercial landlord-tenant disputes, federal and state securities laws, enforcement of noncompetition agreements, False Claims Act violations, and shareholder class action and derivative lawsuits. He is experienced in litigating cases in state and federal court, as well as in private arbitrations.

### Services / Representative Cases:

**Eminent Domain:** Represents property owners and local government in eminent domain actions. Most recently, was an integral part of legal team representing property owners in obtaining the dismissal of eminent domain lawsuit.

**Commercial Landlord/Tenant and FED:** Represents commercial tenants or landlords in lease disputes, including defense and prosecution of FED actions.

**Property Management:** Defended property management company and its principals on claims of breach of fiduciary duty and breach of contract in a two-week arbitration that resulted in the dismissal of all claims and an award of attorney fees to clients.

**Disputes Relating to Purchase and Sale of Real Property:** Represents purchasers or sellers in disputes relating to the purchase and sale of real property. Representative case, represented property owner in successive arbitrations, first against the seller and then against the real estate broker, for fraud, negligent misrepresentation and negligence resulting in arbitration awards in favor of property owner in both cases.

**Securities Litigation:** Prosecutes and defends securities lawsuits on behalf of investors, brokers or professionals, including class actions and mass actions. Most recently, represented investors in a FINRA arbitration resulting in an award in favor of investors granting full rescission of investments plus attorney fees and costs.

**Shareholder Derivative Litigation:** Represents shareholders, officers, directors or companies in shareholder derivative lawsuits. Representative case, lead attorney in dismissal of derivative, fraud and RICO claims brought against director of a technology firm. Successfully defended appeal to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

**False Claims Act:** Represents businesses in prosecuting or defending False Claims Act litigation. Integral part of legal team that successfully defended industrial client in a False Claims Act lawsuit. The lawsuit was dismissed at the trial court level. The dismissal was affirmed by the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals.

**Commercial Contracts:** Represents businesses and individuals in contract disputes. Most recently, obtained judgment in favor of client after bench trial seeking to enforce promissory note and guaranty.

**Fraudulent Transfers:** Represents creditors and debtors in cases involving alleged fraudulent transfers. Representative case, defended principals and their companies against claim by lender alleging fraudulent transfers. Successfully argued motion for directed verdict resulting in dismissal of claims against three of the four defendants at close of plaintiff's case. The case was ultimately settled on favorable terms.

**Trade Secret Claims / Noncompetition Agreements:** Represents businesses or employees in prosecuting and defending disputes and litigation relating to trade secret rights and enforcement of noncompetition agreements.

**Local Government and Administrative Claims:** Represents local governments and businesses in claims relating to public contracting law, code enforcement cases, writ of review and commercial disputes. Most recently, settled claim on behalf of county against utility company for increased construction costs on road project based on company's alleged failure to identify and move utilities located in the right-of-way.

## Areas of Focus

- [Litigation](#)
- [Alternative Dispute Resolution](#)
- [Class Action Litigation](#)
- [Construction](#)
- [Eminent Domain & Inverse Condemnation](#)
- [Property Tax](#)
- [Real Estate](#)
- [Real Estate, Land Use & Environmental](#)

- [Securities Litigations & Enforcement](#)

## Admissions

- Oregon, 2001
- Washington, 2013
- U.S. District Court, District of Oregon, 2002
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit, 2010
- U.S. Tax Court, 2019

## Education

- J.D., Lewis & Clark Law School (*cum laude*), 2001
  - *Environmental Law Review*, Associate Editor, 1999-2001
- B.S., University of California Davis, Genetics, 1995

## Honors & Recognition

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®
  - Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law, Litigation - Real Estate, Litigation - Securities, 2026
  - *Best Lawyers* "Lawyer of the Year," Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law (Portland, OR), 2026
  - Litigation-Securities, 2016-2025
  - *Best Lawyers* "Lawyer of the Year," Litigation - Real Estate (Portland, OR), 2025
- Oregon Super Lawyers list, 2012-present
  - *Super Lawyers Business Edition*, 2014-2015
- Rising Star, Oregon Super Lawyers, 2010 and 2011

## Professional Activities

- Federal Bar Association, Member
- Multnomah Bar Association, Member
- Oregon State Bar, Member
  - Real Estate & Land Use (RELU) Section, 2019-present
    - Past Chair, 2026
    - Chair, 2025
    - Chair-Elect, 2024
    - Treasurer, 2023
    - Executive Committee Member, 2019-2022
  - Securities Regulations Section, 2005-present
    - Chair, 2011
    - Treasurer, 2010

- Secretary, 2009
- Tax Section
- Oregon Trial Lawyers Association, Member
  - Business Litigation Section, Co-Chair, 2011
    - Member, 2008-2011

## News & Insights

### News

[Paul Trinchero Honored with Best Lawyers 'Lawyer of the Year' Designation](#)

[08.25.25](#)

[71 Foster Garvey Attorneys Recognized Among the 2026 Best Lawyers in America; Paul Trinchero Named 'Lawyer of the Year'](#)

[08.21.25](#)

[Seven Attorneys Selected to 2025 Oregon Super Lawyers](#)

[07.22.25](#)

[65 Foster Garvey Attorneys Selected to The Best Lawyers in America® 2025, Three Named 'Lawyer of the Year'](#)

[08.15.24](#)

[Six Portland Attorneys Named to 2024 Oregon Super Lawyers Lists](#)

[07.24.24](#)

[57 Foster Garvey Attorneys Recognized Among the 2024 Best Lawyers in America; Two Portland Attorneys Named 'Lawyer of the Year'](#)

[08.17.23](#)

[Six Portland Attorneys Named to 2023 Oregon Super Lawyers Lists](#)

[07.24.23](#)

[45 Foster Garvey Attorneys Recognized Among The Best Lawyers In America®](#)

[08.18.22](#)

[Four Attorneys Recognized in Oregon Super Lawyers for 2022](#)

[07.01.22](#)

[38 Attorneys Named 2022 Best Lawyers in America; 11 Named Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch](#)

[08.19.21](#)

[Six Attorneys Recognized in Oregon Super Lawyers for 2021](#)

[07.12.21](#)

[43 Attorneys Named 2021 Best Lawyers in America; 10 Named Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch](#)

[08.20.20](#)

[Seven Attorneys Named to Oregon Super Lawyers List](#)

[07.06.20](#)

[50 Foster Garvey Attorneys Named 2020 Best Lawyers in America](#)

[08.15.19](#)

[32 Attorneys Named Super Lawyers and Eight Named Rising Stars](#)

[06.10.19](#)

[Working to Reform Campaign Finance Systems](#)

[01.01.19](#)

## Events

["Easements in Oregon," The Seminar Group 2026](#)

[06.12.26](#)

[Oregon State Bar Real Estate and Land Use Annual Conference 2025](#)

[08.21-08.23.2025](#)

["Oregon and Federal Legal Update," Eminent Domain Seminar](#)

[06.05-06.06.2025](#)

[Real Estate Case Law Update at the 2024 Real Estate and Land Use Conference](#)

[08.08-08.10.2024](#)

["Easements in Oregon," The Seminar Group](#)

[06.21.24](#)

["Partial Acquisitions: What All ROW Professionals Should Know About Emerging Legal Issues and Their Impacts on Appraisal Valuation."](#)

[04.25.24](#)

["Understanding Utility Easements and Rights of Way" – Oregon Boundaries, Easements and Rights of Way](#)

[03.22.24](#)

["Preparing for Evidentiary Challenges in Valuation Cases," 17th Annual Fall Real Estate Conference](#)

[11.02.23](#)

["Real Estate Case Law Update," Oregon State Bar Real Estate and Land Use Conference 2023](#)

[08.11.23](#)

["Property Tax Update," Oregon State Bar Taxation Section, Continuing Legal Education](#)

[05.17.23](#)

["Collateral Attacks on Condemnation Actions," Eminent Domain Current Developments in Condemnation, Valuation & Challenges Seminar](#)

[05.11.23](#)

["Legal Session: Special Valuation Issues," Appraisal Institute Seattle Chapter Fall Conference](#)

[10.06.22](#)

["Real Estate Case Law Update," Oregon State Bar Real Estate and Land Use Section Annual Summer Conference](#)

[08.12.22](#)

["Utility and Rail Corridors," The Seminar Group's 10th Annual Program: Understanding Public Easements in Western & Eastern Washington](#)

[05.05.22](#)

["Real Estate Case Law Update," 2021 Oregon State Bar RELU Summer Webinar Series](#)

[09.09.21](#)

["Appraisal Panel," The Seminar Group's Eminent Domain Conference: Current Developments in Condemnation, Valuation & Challenges](#)

[06.03.21](#)

["Oregon Real Estate Case Law Updates," COLT Oregon Conservation Law Forum](#)

[12.09.20](#)

["Real Estate Case Law Update," 2020 Oregon State Bar RELU Summer Webinar Series](#)

[09.03.20](#)

["May the Force Majeure Be With You: Examining Commercial Lease Disputes Related to COVID-19," Multnomah Bar Association COVID-19 CLE Series](#)

[04.21.20](#)

["Appraising the Proposed Acquisition Rights - Does the Appraisal Cover All Components of the Draft Easement Conveyance Document\(s\)?" International Right of Way Association October Education Day](#)

[10.16.19](#)

["Real Estate Update," 2019 RELU Annual Summer Conference](#)

[08.16.19](#)

["Problematic Jury Instructions and How to Educate the Jury," Eminent Domain: Current Developments in Condemnation, Valuation & Challenges](#)

[06.06.19](#)

["Adverse Possession? Prescriptive Easements? Here's the What, Where, When, Why, and How," 2018 RELU Annual Summer Conference](#)

[08.10.18](#)

["Current Condemnation and Right of Way Issues," 2017 IRWA Training Symposium](#)

[10.11.17](#)

["Condemnation Law: Updates, Tips and Traps," Oregon County Counsel Association 2017 Summer Conference](#)

[08.03.17](#)

[“Private Land Use Regulation Through CC&Rs: The Tension Between Private Interest and Public Policy,”  
Oregon State Bar 2017 RELU Spring Forum](#)

[04.28.17](#)

[“Identifying False Claims Act Potential,” Oregon Trial Lawyers Association – Business Litigation Section  
Meeting](#)

[04.14.16](#)

[“Outsourcing,” OCCA Conference](#)

[07.25.13](#)

[“How to Hang On While the Market Hangs Fire,” The American Property Tax Counsel's 2024 Annual Client  
Seminar](#)

[October 23-25](#)

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