

# Paul Heer

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## Overview

Paul is a partner in the Chambers-ranked Investment Management practice at Foster Garvey. He represents and advises institutional investors across North America and Europe on their alternative investments.

His practice specializes in advising public pension funds, endowments, sovereign wealth funds, family offices and insurance companies on a wide range of investment structures, including private equity funds, hedge funds, collective investment trusts, SBICs, co-investments, real estate, advisory and platform relationships, and other alternative arrangements.

Paul has been appointed by the ABA's Business Law Section as the Chair of the Institutional Investors Committee and its 13 subcommittees.

Outside of his investment management work, Paul serves as Co-Chair of Foster Garvey's Recruiting Committee and has held leadership positions with several Pacific Northwest organizations. His dedication to pro bono work has earned him numerous accolades

## Areas of Focus

- [Investment Management](#)

## Admissions

- Washington, 2016
- New York, 2025
- New Jersey, 2025
- District of Columbia, 2025

## Education

- J.D., Seattle University School of Law (*magna cum laude*), 2016
  - *Seattle University Law Review*, Associate Editor
  - Washington State Law Scholar
  - Alpha Sigma Nu Scholar for Scholarship and Service
- B.A., University of Washington, 2012

## Honors & Recognitions

- Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch – Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law, 2023-present
- Rising Star, Washington Super Lawyers, 2020-present
- APEX Award – Outstanding Young Lawyer, Washington State Bar Association, 2021
- Outstanding Young Lawyer Award, King County Bar Association, 2020-2021
- Public Service & Leadership Award, Washington State Bar Association YLC, 2018-2019
- Foster Garvey Pro Bono Attorney of the Year, 2019
- Foster Pepper Pro Bono Attorney of the Year, 2017

## Professional Activities

- American Bar Association, Business Law Section, Institutional Investors Committee
  - Chair, 2025-present
  - Fellow, 2023-2025
- National Association of Public Pension Attorneys, Member, 2019-present
- Foster Garvey, [Opportunity & Progress Council](#), Co-Chair, 2020-2025
- Seattle Clemency Project, Board Member, 2018-2025
  - President, 2021-2024
- Seattle University Law School Law Alumni Board, Board Member, 2017-2023
  - 45th Annual Law Review Dinner, Keynote, 2022

## News & Insights

### News

[Paul Heer Featured in the Pro Bono Institute's Signatory Showcase](#)

[09.23.25](#)

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

[08.21.25](#)

[19 Foster Garvey Attorneys Named to the 2025 Washington Super Lawyers Lists; Emily Harris Gant Earns Special Recognition](#)

[08.01.25](#)

[The American Bar Association's Business Law Section Appoints Paul Heer as Institutional Investors Committee Chair](#)

[06.10.25](#)

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

[08.15.24](#)

[14 Attorneys Named to 2024 Washington Super Lawyers Lists; Emily Gant Featured Among Top Attorneys](#)

[07.31.24](#)

[Paul Heer Appointed as Co-Chair of Foster Garvey's Recruiting Committee](#)

[06.03.24](#)

[JMMP and Foster Garvey Host Inclusive Mentorship Training](#)

[04.16.24](#)

[JMMP's Annual Kick-Off Event: Building a Diverse Legal Future](#)

[03.29.24](#)

[Foster Garvey and JMMP Announce Launch of Stone Scholars Class Honoring Rafael Stone](#)

[02.27.24](#)

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

[08.17.23](#)

[13 Attorneys Recognized on 2023 Washington Super Lawyers Lists](#)

[07.31.23](#)

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

[08.18.22](#)

[Paul Heer Featured in Washington Super Lawyers Magazine](#)

[07.14.22](#)

[12 Attorneys Recognized in Washington Super Lawyers for 2022](#)

[07.14.22](#)

[Foster Garvey Promotes Six Attorneys to Principal](#)

[01.03.22](#)

[Paul Heer Named 'Outstanding Young Lawyer' in Washington State Bar Association's 2021 APEX Awards](#)

[12.13.21](#)

[11 Attorneys Recognized in Washington Super Lawyers for 2021](#)

[07.15.21](#)

[Portland Business Journal Article Takes a Closer Look at Foster Garvey's Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Work](#)

[06.23.21](#)

[Paul Heer Named 2020-21 'Outstanding Young Lawyer' by King County Bar Association](#)

[06.22.21](#)

[Foster Garvey's Policy Aimed at Creating a More Inclusive Workplace Highlighted in Best Lawyers](#)

[06.17.21](#)

[Foster Garvey's Declared Name and Pronouns Policy Featured in Law360](#)

[06.15.21](#)

[Foster Garvey Celebrates Diversity and Supports Inclusion With Declared Name and Pronouns Policy](#)

[06.14.21](#)

[Paul Heer Helps Pro Bono Client Gain Freedom From a Life Sentence Through Landmark Commutation from Governor Jay Inslee](#)

[12.17.20](#)

[A "Juvenile Lifer" Comes Home: Pro Bono Team Secures Early Release of Man Imprisoned for Decades for a Crime He Committed as a Juvenile](#)

[09.23.20](#)

[Paul Heer Named to Leadership Tomorrow's Class of 2021](#)

[09.16.20](#)

[11 Attorneys Named Washington Super Lawyers and Five Named Rising Stars](#)

[07.16.20](#)

[Foster Garvey Welcomes Renton High School Students for Day of Learning](#)

[10.24.19](#)

[Paul Heer Awarded WSBA Public Service & Leadership Award](#)

[09.13.19](#)

## Events

[Joint Minority Mentorship Program \(JMMP\) 2026 Kick-Off Event](#)

[03.05.26](#)

[Joint Minority Mentorship Program \(JMMP\) 2025 Kick-Off Event](#)

[03.06.25](#)

[Second Annual Washington Law Student Employment Retreat](#)

[01.11.25](#)

[2024 Joint Minority Mentorship Program \(JMMP\) Stone Scholars Mentor-Mentee Launch Event](#)

[03.27.24](#)

[Joint Minority Mentorship Program \(JMMP\) 2023 Kick-Off Event](#)

[03.30.23](#)

[Joint Minority Mentorship Program \(JMMP\) Virtual Lunch and Learn: A Career in Tech Law](#)

[08.17.22](#)

[Joint Minority Mentorship Program \(JMMP\) Networking Social Event](#)

[07.29.22](#)

[Joint Minority Mentorship Program \(JMMP\) 2022 Kick-Off Event](#)

[03.31.22](#)

[“Keynote Address” Seattle University School of Law 45th Annual Law Review Alumni Dinner](#)

[03.25.22](#)

[Washington Joint Minority Mentorship Program 2021 Kick-Off Event](#)

[03.02.21](#)

[“Legal and Administrative Rules Governing the ‘Juvenile Parole Board’ Process,” WSBA CLE’s Preparing for Parole: Assisting Adults Imprisoned as Teenagers for Potential Release](#)

[10.23.20](#)

[“Starting a Career in Times of Economic Uncertainty,” Washington Joint Minority Bar Associations Mentorship Program](#)

[05.21.20](#)

[Washington Joint Minority Bar Associations 2020 Mentorship Program Kick-Off Event](#)

[03.03.20](#)

## Publications

[“Empowering a Burgeoning South Asian Legal Community,” NW Lawyer, Washington State Bar Association](#)

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