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Overview

Paul advises foreign and domestic clients on U.S. laws and policies controlling the U.S. export of dual use and military items and OFAC sanctions on foreign entities, as well as advising on the regulation of the fishing industry and the federal administrative process in general.

In addition to his many years of law firm experience, Paul served as Associate General Counsel of a Senate Committee, where he worked on international trade issues and a variety of other regulatory matters.

Areas of Focus

- [Antitrust & Consumer Protection](#)
- [Election and Political Law, Public Policy & Lobbying](#)

Admissions

- Federal District Court and U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, 1968
- U.S. Supreme Court, 1986

Education

- LL.B., Yale Law School, 1967
 - *Yale Law Journal*, Member
- B.A., Harvard College (*cum laude*) 1964

Honors & Recognition

- Japanese Ambassador's Commendation, 2025
 - Recognition of longstanding service to the Embassy of Japan in the United States of America

- Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent rating

Professional Activities

- American University School of International Service, Adjunct Professor of Law (trade law), 1995
- Center for Responsive Politics, Board of Directors, Chairman, 1999-2009 (nonpartisan watchdog group in area of financing of federal elections)
- Georgetown University, Adjunct Professor of Law (constitutional law), 1977-1981

Experience

Export Licensing and Foreign Direct Investment

Advises companies seeking to export U.S. goods, software, and technology that may be controlled by U.S. regulations, such as the Treasury Department's OFAC restrictions on trade with Iran and Russia, the Commerce Department export restrictions on dual use items (Export Administration Regulations), and State Department regulation of the export of defense items (International Traffic in Arms Regulations). Consults on the applicability of the law overseeing foreign investment in U.S. businesses, and on filing notice of foreign investments with the Treasury Department's Committee on Foreign Investment in the U.S. (CFIUS).

International Trade Policy

Advises domestic and foreign clients on U.S. trade policies in agriculture, energy, and other sectors, and on the nature of foreign environmental laws affecting the relative competitiveness of U.S. goods.

U.S. Fisheries Laws

Advises foreign governments and fisheries associations on U.S. fishing laws and related environmental laws, as well as how the Law of the Sea agreement (UNCLOS), international fisheries agreements, and foreign laws regulate fishing and related activities on the high seas.

Antitrust Law

Represents clients in civil and criminal antitrust cases, including the application of U.S. antitrust laws to foreign companies in transportation and related industries.

News & Insights

News

[Paul S. Hoff Receives Japanese Ambassador's Commendation](#)

[02.25.26](#)

Events

[“Foreign Entities Seeking Representation – How to Make Sure You’re Never on 60 Minutes,” Garvey Schubert Barer Internal CLE](#)

[03.31.16](#)

[“International Traffic in Arms Regulation Workshop,” Pacific Northwest Defense Coalition](#)

[08.13.08](#)

Legal Alerts

[CFIUS](#)

[01.03.18](#)

Publications

[The Government's New Oversight of Real Estate Deals With Foreigners: A Roadmap for Applying the CFIUS Rules](#)

[02.24.20](#)

[Guide to Doing Business in the U.S. Installment 8 – Consumer Protection](#)

[10.06.16](#)

[U.S. Sanctions Laws Reach as far as China](#)

[11.03.14](#)

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