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Language(s) spoken: English, [French](#)

Bar Admission(s): New Brunswick, 1991

Legal Assistant(s): [Diane Lamont](#)

Providing legal services through a professional corporation.

Paul's clients include insurance, (P & I) interests, transportation companies, personal and corporate taxpayers, large corporate interests and companies in the resource/transportation-based industries. Some of the ways he helps these clients include:

- Insurance defence work resulting from environmental/occurrences; asset losses, personal injuries files involving fleet transportation; claims on disability/critical illness policies; and defending clients charged with regulatory offences / *Occupational Health and Safety Act* (OHSA) offenses.
- Significant practice in corporate and personal income tax litigation; all manner of objections/appeals; advising during search warrants/special investigations/audits.
- Representing large multinational shipping interests and protection and indemnity (P & I) clubs, in some instances acting as their correspondent, in matters such as ship arrests, collisions, cargo loss, environmental infractions, personal injury claims, regulatory offences and transactional work such as buying or selling ships, financing, licensing and vessel construction.
- Reviewing and drafting transportation agreements, bills of lading, vessel construction contracts and addressing resultant claims/disputes.

Practice Areas

Education

Energy

Environmental & Natural Resources
Insurance
Labour & Employment
Litigation & Alternative Dispute Resolution
Maritime & Transportation
Tax
Tax Dispute Resolution

Education & Career

Education

University of New Brunswick, LL.B., 1990 (Dean's List)
Université de Strasbourg, France, D.E.U.P., 1985
Université d'Ottawa, B.A., 1984

Activities

Member, Canadian Bar Association
Member, American Bar Association
Member, International Bar Association
Vice president, Canadian Bar Association National Maritime Law Section, 2018 – present
Vice president, board of directors, Union Club Saint John, 2018 – present
Secretary, board of directors, Union Club Saint John, 2017 – 2018
Eastern vice-president, board of directors, Canadian Maritime Law Association, 2015-present
Chair, Federal Court Act and Rules Committee, Canadian Maritime Law Association, 2015-present
Honourary Executive Member, National ADR Section, Canadian Bar Association, 2014-present
Member, Canadian Transport Lawyers Association, 2014-present
Chair, Canadian Bar Association, Federal Courts Bench and Bar Liaison Committee, 2013-present
Chair, Maritime & Marine Law Section, New Brunswick Branch, Canadian Bar Association, 2008-present
Advisor, President's Circle, University of Ottawa, 2008-2015
Associate member, CIArb London, England, 2008-present
Member, Tax Payers Ombudsman National Advisory Committee, 2009 – 2015
Co-Chair, Arrest and Sale of Ships Committee, CMLA, 2010-2016
Member, Board of Directors, Canadian Maritime Law Association ("CMLA"), 2011-present
Past Chair, National ADR Section, Canadian Bar Association, 2013-2014
Chair, National ADR Section, Canadian Bar Association, 2012-2013
Vice Chair, National ADR Section, Canadian Bar Association, 2011-2012
Chair, Saint John Seafarer's Mission, Saint John, New Brunswick, 2014-present
Member, Board of Directors, Saint John Seafarer's Mission, Saint John, New Brunswick, 2012-present
Chair, Maritime and Transportation Practice Group, Stewart McKelvey, 2013-present
Member, ALFA International Transportation Practice Group, 2013-present

Member, Canadian Bar Association, Federal Courts Bench and Bar Liaison Committee, 2010-2012

Director, Saint John Airport Inc., 1998-2010

Chair, Marketing Committee, Stewart McKelvey, 2008-2010

Chair, Governance Committee, Saint John Airport Inc., 2005-2009

President, Young Lawyer's Conference, New Brunswick Branch, 2008

Director, Union Club Saint John, 2000 – 2002

National Chair, Constitutional Law Section, Canadian Bar Association, 2002-2003

Corporate Advisor, Ottawa Life Magazine

Member, The Union Club, Saint John, New Brunswick, 1991 – present

Holder, Pleasure Craft Operator Card, Transport Canada

Member, Canadian Renewable Energy Association (CanREA), 2023

Accolades

Chambers and Partners Canada 2022-2024 Transportation: Shipping – Nationwide – Canada, Band 3 lawyer

Chambers and Partners, Transportation: Shipping – Canada, Band 3 lawyer

Best Lawyers: Environmental Law, 2015-2024

Best Lawyers: Maritime Law, 2008-2010

Lexpert rating: Shipping and Maritime Law, 2015 – 2024

Recipient, Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Medal, 2002

Martindale-Hubbell rating: CV

Presentations

Presenter, Society of Accredited Marine Surveyors (“SAMS”) Conference, Halifax, 2011

Presenter, “Tax Law for Owner Managed Business”, 2007 Assessments and Reassessments, CBA New Brunswick

Presenter, “Tax Case Overview”, 2004 Tax Atlantic Provinces Tax Seminar, Sobey School of Business, St. Mary's University