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Profile

Since co-founding Stein Sperling 40 years ago, Paul Stein's belief in the positive change that can be achieved through effective, excellent lawyering has remained constant. Throughout his career, Paul has maintained his commitment to thoroughly understanding each client's needs, defining clear expectations and goals for their case, and being meticulously prepared to represent them in court or mediation. Paul focuses his practice in the areas of family law and criminal defense.

Paul, a successful trial lawyer and former prosecutor, knows when to litigate, and how to negotiate. Whether in the courtroom or negotiating in a conference room, Paul is able to parlay his superb trial skills and tactical excellence into winning strategies for his client. He is a skilled judge of people and of human dynamics, and recognizes the direct relevance of these dynamics in the context of a hotly contested and emotionally charged case. He prides himself on his ability to combine his experience, insight and thorough subject matter knowledge in bringing about effective solutions for his clients, both in and outside of the courtroom.

A lifelong student of trial law and advocacy, Paul is passionate about mentoring the next generation of lawyers, within Stein Sperling and in the broader community. For 37 years he has served as an adjunct professor in the Trial Practice Program at American University's Washington College of Law. He has also taught litigation to paralegals at the University of Maryland and lectured to bar groups and community organizations on issues related to family law and criminal defense. In 2003 his peers in the Trial Bar elected by as a fellow to the American College of Trial Lawyers, a recognition that is bestowed on only 1% of the trial lawyers population of any given state.

Education

University of Maryland
American University Washington College of Law

More

In his leisure time, Paul loves traveling to visit his adult children and grandchildren. He is also an avid photographer, and much of his work hangs in his office.

Admissions & Certifications

Maryland
District of Columbia
U.S. District Court, District of Maryland
U.S. District Court, District of Columbia

Memberships & Activities

Bar Association of Montgomery County, Maryland

- Executive Committee, Past Member
- Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee, Past Member

American College of Trial Lawyers, Fellow (2003-present)

- Committee for Teaching Trial and Appellate Advocacy (2007-2008)

American University, Washington College of Law

- Trial Practice Program
- Adjunct Professor (1982-present)

Attorney Grievance Commission for the State of Maryland

- Past Inquiry Panel Member

Central Maryland Chapter of the United States Navy League

- Past President

Circuit Court of Montgomery County

- Court-Appointed Mediator

Economic Development Commission for the City of Rockville

- Past Member

Hearts & Homes for Youth

- Board Member

Hebrew Home of Washington, D.C.

- Board of Directors, Past Member
- Finance Committee, Past Member

Maryland Health Claim Arbitration Office

- Past Panel-Chair for Medical Malpractice Hearings

Montgomery County Commission on Landlord and Tenant Affairs

- Past Chairman

Montgomery County, Maryland American Inn of Court

- Master of the Bench (2015-present)

Honors + Awards

Best Lawyers in America (2011-2023)

Maryland Super Lawyer (2007-2019)

- Top 10 Attorneys in Maryland (2018)
- Top 100 Attorneys in Maryland (2016-2017, 2019)

Washington, D.C. Super Lawyer (2007-2011, 2013-2019)

- Top 100 Attorneys in Washington, D.C. (2016-2018)

Bar Association of Montgomery County's Annual Professionalism Award (2014)

Montgomery County, Maryland Bar Foundation, Bar Leader

Bethesda Magazine Top Attorney (2019)

Washingtonian

- Top Lawyer

American Society of Legal Advocates

- Top 100 Criminal Defense Lawyers in Maryland

International Academy of Trial Lawyers

- Award for Superior Proficiency in the Art and Science of Trial Advocacy

National Academy of Criminal Defense Attorneys

- Top 10 Criminal Defense Attorneys In Maryland (2014)

The Daily Record, Leadership in Law (2012)
The National Trial Lawyers (2011-present)

•Top 100 Trial Lawyers in Maryland

Martindale-Hubbell, AV Preeminent peer review rating