HINCKLEY ALLEN

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Partner

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Practices

Trusts & Estates, Nonprofit

Education

Boston University, J.D., 1975
Harvard University, A.B., 1972
cum laude

About

Paul's practice is focused in the areas of trust and estate planning and administration, with additional work in the area of personal income taxes, and other individual-related legal issues. He also specializes in representation of tax-exempt organizations and charitable gift planning, representing both institutions and donors. In connection with his estate and financial planning activities, he has been primarily involved in the drafting of wills and trusts, as well as general investment work. In addition to individual clients, he represents trust departments of some of the area's major financial institutions. Along with probate and administration of decedents' estates and trusts, post-mortem tax planning, and preparation of federal and state estate tax returns, he has been involved in valuation questions regarding real estate and shares of closely-held businesses. Paul also has in-depth expertise in the area of the legal issues related to trust and estate litigation.

Credentials

Work Experience

Hinckley Allen

- Partner (1981-Present)
- Associate (1975-1981)

Honors & Awards

- Best Lawyers in America® (2016, 2018-2020)
  - Lawyer of the Year (2017)
  - Recognized for Non-Profit/Charities Law and Trust and Estates
- Chambers USA High Net Worth (HNW) (2018-2019)
- Rhode Island Monthly Magazine, Top Lawyers in Rhode Island in Estate Planning Category
- Super Lawyers, Rhode Island (2005-2018)
- The Rhode Island Foundation, Harold B. Soloveitzik Professional Leadership Award (2010)

Charitable & Civic Involvement

- Camp Ruggles, Board of Directors
- Moses Brown School, Budget and Finance Committee
- Providence Ronald McDonald House, Chairman, Investment Committee
- Temple Beth-El, LYG Endowment Fund Oversight Committee
- The Providence Athenauem, Investment Committee

Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association
- Estate Planning Council of Rhode Island
- National Association of College and University Attorneys
- Partnership for Philanthropic Planning of Rhode Island
- Rhode Island Bar Association
- Rhode Island Planned Giving Council

Bar Memberships

- Massachusetts, 1985
- Rhode Island, 1975

Speaking Engagements

- Panelist: 2009 Estate Planning Round-Up: The Year in Review. The Rhode Island Foundation and Citizens Bank, Providence, RI, November 4, 2009
- Panelist: Private Philanthropy, Foreign Policy Association, Newport, RI, March 19, 2008
- Panelist: Fiduciary Responsibilities of Managing Endowments. Citizens Bank,

Providence, RI, February 28, 2008

- Panelist: 2007 Estate Planning Round-Up: The Year in Review. The Rhode Island Foundation and Citizens Bank, Providence, RI, November 7, 2007
- Presentation: Community Foundations & Banks – Friend or Foe? Can't We All Just Get Along? 2007 Fall Conference for Community Foundations, San Francisco, CA, September 17, 2007
- Panelist: Insights from Foundation Funders: 2007 Massachusetts Land Conservation Conference, Worcester, MA, March 24, 2007
- Presentation: The Uniform Management of Institutional Funds Act: How It Affects Your Endowment Spending. 2006 Blackbaud Conference for Nonprofits, Charleston, SC, October 23, 2006
- Panelist: Tax-Exempt Organizations in Rhode Island. Lorman Education Services, Providence, RI, July 11, 2006
- Presentation: Advanced Charitable Giving Techniques. Joint meeting of RI Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors; RI Society of Financial Service Professionals; and RI Financial Planning Association, Warwick, RI, January 24, 2006
- Presentation: UMIFA: How It Affects Your Endowment, What Changes Are Coming and When? Higher Education Law and Policy Institute, San Diego, CA, December 6, 2005
- Presentation: Due Diligence in Charitable Giving and Administration. Planned Giving Council of RI, Providence, RI, November 17, 2005
- Panelist: 2005 Estate Planning Round-Up: The Year in Review; Implications of Circular 230 for the Tax Practitioner. The Rhode Island Foundation and Citizens Bank, Providence, Rhode Island, October 27, 2005
- Panelist: Charitable Giving for the Accounting Professional, Citizens Bank, Providence, RI, May 4, 2005
- Presentation: UMIFA: U Got The Money – Now, Can You Spend It? Planned Giving Group of New England, Boston, MA, February 9, 2005
- Presentation: Charitable Remainder Trusts: A Primer, Planned Giving Council of RI, Providence, RI, November 18, 2004
- Presentation: UMIFA: U Got the Money – Now, Can You Spend It? National Conference on Planned Giving, Dallas, TX, October 16, 2004
- Panelist: Charitable Giving Techniques for the Non-Estate Planning Attorney, Leave A Legacy Seminar, Citizens Bank, Providence, RI, September 30, 2004
- Presentation: Estate Planning: The ABCs of Charitable Trusts, The Rhode Island Foundation, South Kingstown, RI, April 26, 2001
- Panelist: Scholarships, Council on Foundations, 14th Fall Conference for Community Foundations, Miami, FL, October, 1998
- Faculty, Bryant College Masters in Taxation Program. Course: Income Taxation of Trusts and Estates, 1981

Latest News & Insight

Firm News

56 Hinckley Allen Attorneys Recognized by Best Lawyers in America 2020, August 15, 2019

Chambers High Net Worth Advisors Guide 2019 Recognizes Hinckley Allen Partners Doris J. Licht and Paul A. Silver, July 11, 2019

38 Hinckley Allen Attorneys Recognized as 2018 Super Lawyers and Rising Stars, October 18, 2018

51 Hinckley Allen Attorneys Recognized by Best Lawyers in America 2019, August 15, 2018

Chambers High Net Worth Advisors Guide 2018 Recognizes Hinckley Allen Partners Doris J. Licht and Paul A. Silver, July 20, 2018

Hinckley Allen Attorneys Recognized as 2017 Super Lawyers and Rising Stars, October 18, 2017

52 Hinckley Allen Attorneys Recognized by Best Lawyers of America, August 18, 2017

Best Lawyers® Recognizes 7 Hinckley Allen Partners as "Lawyers of the Year" for 2017, August 18, 2016

Publications

Trusts & Estates 2017 Tax Update, March 6, 2017

What Changes Might We Expect with Trump Presidency?, December 8, 2016

Proposed New Rules Will Eliminate Discounts on Transfers of Interests in Family-Owned Entities, September 9, 2016

Trusts & Estates 2016 Tax Update, May 12, 2016

Trusts & Estates 2015 Tax Update, March 26, 2015

Events

The Washington Trust Company: Wealth Planning in a Year of Change, October 11, 2017