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Biography

"[Paul Hilton] is an excellent attorney...He is one of the leading practitioners, without doubt." This is one of many accolades Paul has received year after year from legal ranking programs like *Chambers USA*. He is known throughout the corporate legal field and targeted industries for his thorough understanding of the intricacies within corporate transactions, experience that far exceeds his competitors, and a track record of proven success.

As a leader of the firm's U.S. Public Company practice, Paul counsels companies in a wide range of industries, including consumer products, engineering and construction, mining, restaurants, technology, and software. He advises public and private companies in corporate, securities, and merger and acquisition matters. He represents companies seeking to go public, public companies, private equity firms, investment banking firms, and public and private acquirers and targets in acquisition transactions. He also regularly counsels complex debt and equity offerings, including both U.S. and cross-border transactions, securities law compliance issues, fiduciary duty for boards of directors and committees, and complex corporate governance matters, including dealing with activist investors.



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Practices

Capital Markets
Corporate
Corporate Governance
Mergers and Acquisitions
Private Equity
Securities and Public Company
Advisory

Industries

Consumer
Diversified Industrials

Paul has received a #1 ranking from *Chambers USA* for Corporate/M&A every year since 2004 and has been listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* for many years as well.

According to *Chambers*, clients say, "He has decades of experience, and has very deep expertise in corporate and securities matters, as well as commercial transactions of all kinds. In addition to having the technical expertise in these areas, he is very practical in rendering advice and coming up with solutions. He has excellent communications skills, both in respect of transaction negotiations, and communications with our board and management."

Awards and rankings

- Acritas Star, *Acritas Stars Independently Rated Lawyers*, 2019
- Colorado Super Lawyers, 2006-2015, 2018-2019
- Top Lawyer - Mergers & Acquisitions, *5280*, 2018
- Corporate/M&A (Colorado), *Chambers USA*, 2004-2019
- Corporate Law, *The Best Lawyers in America*, 2006-2018
- International Trade and Finance, *The Best Lawyers in America*, 2003-2018
- Securities/Capital Markets, *The Best Lawyers in America*, 2006-2018
- Mergers and Acquisitions, *The Best Lawyers in America*, 2006-2018
- People's Choice Securities Lawyer, *Barrister's Best, Law Week Colorado*, 2016
- Capital Markets: Debt Offerings; Capital Markets: Equity Offerings, *Legal 500 US*, 2011-2013
- People's Choice Best Corporate Law Lawyer, *Barrister's Best, Law Week Colorado*, 2013

Energy and Natural Resources
Life Sciences and Health Care
TMT

Areas of focus

Raising Equity Capital
Initial Public Offerings
Stock Exchange Listings and Regulatory Compliance
Raising Debt Capital
Section 16 Advice
Disclosure and Reporting Obligations
Proxy Solicitations, Shareholder Meetings, and Shareholder Proposals
Buy Outs
Co-investments
Emerging Companies and Venture Capital
Exits
Secondaries
Accounting and Auditing
Capital Markets and Tax
Compensation Committee
Retail and Consumer Goods
Food and Beverages
Oil and Gas: Exploration and Production
Mining and Resources: Mining
Public Company Mergers and Acquisitions

- BTI Client Service All-Star MVP (one of 41 in the country), *BTI Consulting Group*, 2013
- BTI Client Service All-Star, *BTI Consulting Group*, 2012-2013
- Overall, *The Best Lawyers in America*, 1995-2018
- M&A/Corporate and Commercial: Shareholder Activism: Advice to Boards, *Legal 500 US*, 2019

Latest thinking and events

- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - SEC staff issues important guidance on shareholder proposals for the 2020 proxy season *SEC Update*
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - SEC staff announces changes to processing of shareholder proposal no-action requests *SEC Update*
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - SEC proposes to amend requirements for disclosure on business, legal proceedings and risk factors *SEC Update*
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - SEC adopts rule amendments under the FAST Act to modernize and simplify disclosure *SEC Update*
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - SEC adopts requirement for disclosure of hedging policies for employees, officers, and directors *SEC Update*
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - SEC overhauls mining property disclosure regime *SEC Update*

Cross-border Mergers and Acquisitions

Carve-outs, Spin-offs, and Split-offs

Hostile Takeovers and Takeover Defense

Special Committee and Independent Director Representations

Joint Ventures and Strategic Alliances

Shareholder Activism

Education and admissions

Education

J.D., Cornell Law School, 1977

M.A., University of Colorado, 1977

B.A., University of Colorado, with honors, 1972

Bar admissions and qualifications

Colorado

New York
