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Paul is a litigator and a co-leader of the General and Commercial Litigation Practice Group. Paul has a diverse practice built on 30-plus years of experience and an unwillingness to turn down a case. He began his career at a boutique firm in Bloomfield Hills specializing in transportation regulatory cases. The firm merged into Foster Swift in 1991 and, except for several years at a plaintiff personal injury firm, Paul has remained at Foster Swift ever since. Paul's practice includes Michigan No-Fault (PIP and third party), transportation and logistics, mass tort defense, and commercial litigation. A tireless litigator, Paul enjoys taking cases to trial, but is also a highly effective negotiator. Clients appreciate his concern over their bottom line and often thank him for the passion he puts into all his cases, regardless of the magnitude.

Paul is admitted in Michigan, along with the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan and the U.S. Supreme Court. He is a member of the American Bar Association, the State Bar of Michigan, and a Board member of the Detroit Bar Association where he was President from 2022 to 2023. He is also a fellow of the Michigan State Bar Foundation and the Detroit Bar Foundation.

Committed to keeping clients abreast of changes in the law, Paul frequently speaks to a variety of groups, including transportation industry leaders, health care financial officers, trade organizations, chambers of commerce, insurance companies, and attorneys. He was a visiting lecturer on Constitutional Law at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law, and the former President of the Northern Michigan University Alumni Association Board of Directors. He previously served as the Vice President of the firm's Southfield office and was a member of the Executive Committee.

### PRACTICE AREAS

Mass Tort  
No-Fault Litigation  
Transportation Law  
Commercial Litigation  
General & Commercial Litigation

### EDUCATION

Thomas M. Cooley Law School, J.D.,  
1989  
Northern Michigan University, B.S.,  
1984

### BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

Michigan  
U.S. District Court for the Eastern  
District of Michigan  
U.S. Supreme Court

### HONORS & RECOGNITIONS

AV® Preeminent™  
Martindale-Hubbell  
"Leaders in the Law" Class of 2022,  
Michigan Lawyers Weekly  
Detroit Bar Association, 2016-2017  
Committee of the Year Award –  
Third Circuit Luncheon Committee  
*Best Lawyers*® 2017 & 2023 Mass  
Tort Litigation/Class Actions –  
Defendants "Lawyer of the Year" in  
Detroit  
*Best Lawyers in America*®  
2013-2024 (Mass Tort Litigation /  
Class Actions - Defendants)



## **SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

**Michigan's Changed Premises Liability Laws Pose Real Threat to Business and Property Owners**, *Second Wednesday Sessions*, May 8, 2024

**Classification: Employees vs. Independent Contractors in a New Era**, *Second Wednesday Sessions*, April 10, 2024

**Unintended Consequences Your College Student May Face**, *Foster Swift Second Wednesday Lunch Break*, October 11, 2023

**Learn About Key Issues of Business Interruption Insurance**, *Foster Swift Second Wednesday Morning Break*, March 10, 2021

**Business Interruption Insurance Coverage**, *Michigan Society of Association Executives (MSAE)*, January 25, 2021

**No-Fault Reform**, *PACE Association of Michigan*, July 10, 2020

**Ethical Issues Faced by Transportation Attorneys**, *Transportation Lawyer Association*, January 20, 2012

**Spring Compliance Seminar: Warehouse Liens**, *Michigan Movers Association*, May 12, 2011

**Mistakes to Avoid when Doing International Business**, *Port Lansing 2010 Global Logistics Conference*, November 10, 2010

**Understanding the Tariff**, *Michigan Movers Association*, March 2010

**Transportation and Logistics: Ensuring Your Products Reach Your Customer and Greening the Supply Chain**, *Trade North America - U.S. Department of Commerce - Commercial Service*, September 2009

**Michigan No-Fault and Insurance Carriers**, August 2009

**Public Act 33**, *Michigan Movers Association*, September 2007

## **PUBLICATIONS**

**Michigan Supreme Court Announces Seismic Shift in Premises Liability Cases**, *Insurance Regulatory News E-blast*, August 2, 2023

**Recent Updates to Michigan No-Fault Act Changes**, *Foster Swift Litigation News Update E-blast*, June 20, 2019

**Court of Appeals Interprets Overweight Truck Law**, *Foster Swift Transpost E-News*, December 3, 2010

**Overweight Trucks**, *Foster Swift Construction Law News*, June 2009

**MPSC Issues Two Opinions Affecting Its Authority to Regulate Carriers**, *Foster Swift Transpost*, February 2007

*Michigan Super Lawyers*,  
Employment & Labor, 2016

*Michigan Super Lawyers*, Business  
Litigation, 2017-2023



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**New Overweight Law Takes Effect**, *Foster Swift Transpost*, April 2006

**MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS**

**Legal Affiliations:**

- State Bar of Michigan
  - Administrative Law Section
  - Negligence Section
- American Bar Association
- Detroit Bar Association, Board Member, 2011 to present
  - President, 2022-2023
  - Vice President, 2021-2022
  - Secretary/Treasurer, 2020-2021
- University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Visiting Lecturer, 2008 to 2011
- Michigan State Bar Foundation, Fellow
- Detroit Bar Foundation, Fellow
- ACADEMIC POSITION: Baker College, Business Law, adjunct professor

**Industry & Professional Associations:**

- Michigan Truck Safety Commission, Appointed Commissioner, 2010-2011
- Transportation Club of Detroit
  - Board Member
- Michigan Movers Association
- Michigan Trucking Association

**Community Involvement:**

- Northern Michigan University Alumni Association Board of Directors, president 2013-2014; vice president 2012-2013
  - Attorney advisor, Grosse Pointe South High School Mock Trial Team
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