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Paul Knight, formerly of O'Connor & Hannan LLP, is a litigator with more than four decades of public and private sector experience. He focuses his practice on white collar defense, assisting clients with complex internal investigations and litigation defense.

Paul's clients range from corporations facing fraud allegations to government officials facing ethics and grand jury investigations, to attorneys facing bar investigations. He also advises clients in connection with foreign commerce regulations under criminal and civil statutes. Such representations involve matters arising under the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act, Arms Export Control Act, the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA), and the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act.

Paul excels at developing thorough, winning strategies, informed by his previous work as a successful federal prosecutor. He served as both a trial and supervising attorney with the U.S. Attorney's office for the District of Columbia. He also served as the Associate Director of the President's Task Force on Victims of Crime.

Additionally, Paul has been representing federal law enforcement officers since 1989. He becomes involved at the time of the incident, often meeting with officers in the middle of the night.

Paul is active outside the office with pro bono and charitable activities. He has served for 12 years on the District of Columbia Court of Appeals Board on Professional Responsibility. He lectures on legal issue to law schools, law firms, and CLE programs and serves on several non-profit boards and committees.

EXPERIENCE

- Represented a medical doctor charged with 82 counts of healthcare fraud for alleged upcoding and misrepresentations to insurance carriers. After a four week trial, the doctor was acquitted on all counts.
- Represented a corporate president accused of defrauding a state utility of over \$50 million through inflated contracts. All charges were dismissed mid-trial.
- Represented a company bookkeeper charged with conspiracy to commit income tax violations for placing his personal expenses on corporate books. The charge was dismissed after a hung jury.
- Represented a corporate official in federal debarment action for procurement fraud.
- Represented union officials charged with criminal labor law violations and union administrative charges.
- Represented individuals charged with bribery of governmental officials.
- Represented individuals charged with income tax evasion.

- Represented foreign nationals in FCPA investigations.
- Prosecuted cases against a foreign country for acts of terrorism.
- Represented attorneys and law firms in fee disputes.

INSIGHTS

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Speaker, "Cryptocurrency and Cannabis: The Legal Industry's Response to Modern Challenges," ILTACON 2018, National Harbor, MD, 08.20.2018

Speaker, "Stay Ahead: 2016 Emerging Employment Issues," Nossaman Employment Seminar, 02.2016

COMMUNITY & PROFESSIONAL

National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
American Bar Association, White Collar Committee

HONORS

United States Attorney's Office Harold Sullivan Award
Department of Justice Director's Award for Superior Performance
IRS Regional Commissioner's Award
Special Achievement Awards from the Department of Justice
Selected to the Washington D.C. Super Lawyers list, 2010-2020
AV Preeminent[®] Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell

PRACTICES

Foreign Corrupt Practices Act
Corporate Fraud & Investigations
White Collar Defense
Litigation
Governmental Advocacy
Healthcare Fraud & Abuse
Trade Facilitation & Compliance

EDUCATION

Georgetown University Law Center, Prettyman Program, 1977
UC College of the Law, San Francisco, J.D, 1975
University of California, Berkeley, B.A., 1971

ADMISSIONS

District of Columbia
U.S. Supreme Court
U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals, Armed Forces
U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit
U.S. District Court, District of Columbia
U.S. District Court, District of Maryland