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# Paul C. Johnson

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Since joining our firm, Paul has worked on many diverse types of cases, including professional liability matters involving attorneys, accountants, real estate and insurance agents; products liability cases; civil rights claims; insurance coverage issues; and general liability matters. He presently focuses his practice on personal injury matters in transportation/trucking liability, premises liability, motor vehicle and municipal liability, and he defends all asbestos matters for the firm in the state of New Jersey.

Paul has handled close to a thousand asbestos matters and has represented plumbing, electrical, building and auto supply companies, as well as industrial boiler manufacturers and drywall product manufacturers in asbestos matters. In his career, he has represented a variety of small and large trucking companies in motor vehicle accidents and had the opportunity to handle many municipality matters throughout central and southern New Jersey on a variety of casualty claims.

Paul graduated, *magna cum laude*, from the University of Scranton with a Bachelors of Science degree in Psychology and a minor in Philosophy, in 1987. Following his graduation, Paul worked as a legal assistant in his father's law office before entering law school. Paul graduated from Villanova University School of Law in 1991.

After completing law school, Paul held a judicial clerkship in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division in Ocean County, New Jersey. He had the opportunity to work with four different judges in this vicinage through a rotating clerkship program. Paul clerked for the Honorable James D. Clyne, the Honorable Peter J. Giovine, the Honorable Francis D. Piscal, and the Honorable Rosalie B. Cooper.

Following the one-year clerkship, in the fall of 1992, Paul worked for the Legal Aid Society of Mercer County in Trenton, New Jersey, becoming the managing attorney for the housing unit in 1994.

## Practices

- Asbestos & Mass Tort Litigation
- Automobile Liability
- Public Entity & Civil Rights Litigation
- First-Party Property
- Employment Law
- General Liability

## Education

- Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law (J.D., 1991)
- University of Scranton (B.S., *magna cum laude*, 1987)

## Admissions

- New Jersey, 1991
- U.S. District Court District of New Jersey, 1991
- U.S. Court of Appeals 3rd Circuit, 1991

## Honors & Awards

- AV® Preeminent™ by Martindale-Hubbell®  
The Martindale Hubbell rated attorney list is issued by Internet Brands, Inc. A description of the selection methodology can be found [here](#). No aspect of this advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court of New Jersey.

## Associations & Memberships

- American Bar Association
- Mercer County Bar Association

## Classes/Seminars Taught

- *New Jersey Recent Court Rulings Affecting the Asbestos Litigation: Proving Cross-Claims, Forum Non Conveniens, Bankruptcy Trusts, Bare Metal, etc.*, HarrisMartin's New Jersey Asbestos Litigation Conference, February 13, 2019
- *Employment Law, Liability Risks and Ethics*
- *Employment Law Overview of Federal and New Jersey Statutes and Case Law*
- *Claims Against Public Entities - New Jersey Tort Claims Act*
- *Update on Tort Reform Issues in New Jersey and Effect on Transportation Cases*

## Published Works

- "Appellate Court Reverses \$224 Million Verdict Against Johnson & Johnson", *Marshall Dennehey Legal Update for Environmental Law*, October 2023
- "NJ Supreme Court Further Erodes Bare Metal Defense", *Marshall Dennehey Legal Updates for Toxic Tort Litigation*, June 8, 2020
- "New Jersey Asbestos Case Review 2018", *Marshall Dennehey Legal Updates for Toxic Tort Litigation*, February 5, 2019
- "'Bare-Ly' There – Third Circuit Strips Down Bare Metal Defense in Maritime Law," *Defense Digest*, Vol. 24, No. 1, March 2018
- "Cosmetic Manufacturers' Talc Did Not Cause Asbestos Disease, NJ Jury Finds", *Marshall Dennehey Legal Updates for Toxic Tort Litigation*, December 2, 2015
- "New Jersey Jury Awards \$1.5 Million to 83-Year-Old Plumber for Mesothelioma", *Marshall Dennehey Legal Updates for Toxic Tort Litigation*, April 20, 2015
- "NJ Supreme Court Asked to Consider Bare Metal Defense", *Marshall Dennehey Legal Updates for Toxic Tort Litigation*, August 1, 2014
- "Pushing the Tort Claims Act Threshold," *Defense Digest*, Vol. 11, No. 3, September 2005
- "Moving the Goalposts -Expansion of the Tort Claims Act Threshold," *Defense Digest*,

Vol. 10, No. 1, March 2004

- "UM/UIM 'Step Down' May Step Up to the New Jersey Supreme Court," *Defense Digest*, Vol. 9, No. 4, December 2003
- "'Show Me The Money' Not Always Required by the NJ Charitable Immunity Act," *Redwoods Group Articles of Interest Series*, November 2003
- "Employer Liability under the FMLA," *Defense Digest*, Vol. 9, No. 3, September 2003
- "'Show Me The Money' Not Always Required by the NJ Charitable Immunity Act," *Defense Digest*, Vol. 9, No. 2, June 2003
- "Employment Law -Liability, Risks and Ethics," *Insurance Society of Philadelphia*, October 2002
- "Beware of Freudian Slips -Psychologist/Patient Privilege in New Jersey," *Defense Digest*, Vol. 8, No. 3, September 2002

## Significant Representative Matters

- Obtained Summary Judgment for a contractor that retained a trucking company to deliver fuel products where the settlement demand had been \$3 million.
- Obtained defense verdict at trial in a negligent maintenance claim against a forklift repair company where settlement demand was \$250,000.
- Successfully obtained summary judgment for auto parts supplier in asbestos case where the settlement demand had been \$350,000.
- Compelled defense and indemnification from a transportation carrier on behalf of a warehouse facility in a claim alleging negligent loading of the tractor trailer arguing New Jersey's loading and unloading exclusions.
- Successfully extended the scope of the Tort Claims Act threshold in a precedent setting case so that it did not automatically exclude all injuries where temporary hardware, such as pins or rods, had been temporarily used to facilitate healing of a fracture.
- Obtained a defense verdict in a forklift accident case through the use at trial of an engineering expert and an orthopedic medical expert.
- Through the use of an accident reconstructionist, a biomechanical expert, orthopedic, neurological, and neuropsychiatric experts, resolved a trucking case for significantly less than the over \$1 million demand.

## Representative Cases

- *Gaskill v. Mount Holly Township*

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## Thought Leadership

October 5, 2023

**[Appellate Court Reverses \\$224 Million Verdict Against Johnson & Johnson](#)**

April 30, 2021

**[New Jersey Appellate Division Strikes Down \\$117M Verdict in Talc/Asbestos Case Because Trial Court Did Not Properly Assess Plaintiffs' Expert Opinions](#)**

