

Paul Hilton

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Denver

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Biography

Clients say, "[Paul Hilton] 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." This is according to the legal directory *Chambers USA*.

As a leader of the firm's Securities and Public Company Advisory team, 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.

Paul has received a #1 ranking from *Chambers USA* for Corporate/M&A every year since 2004 and has been



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Practices

Capital Markets

Corporate Governance and Public
Company Representation

Mergers and Acquisitions

Private Equity

Securities and Public Company
Advisory

Industries

Consumer

Diversified Industrials

Energy and Natural Resources

Life Sciences and Health Care

Technology and Telecoms

listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* for many years as well.

"[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 rating programs like *Chambers USA*. He is known throughout the corporate legal field for his thorough understanding of the intricacies within corporate transactions, and a track record of proven success.

Awards and rankings

- Corporate Law, *The Best Lawyers in America*, 2006-2021
- International Trade and Finance Law, *The Best Lawyers in America*, 2003-2021
- Mergers and Acquisitions Law, *The Best Lawyers in America*, 2006-2021
- Securities/Capital Markets Law, *The Best Lawyers in America*, 2006-2021
- Acritas Star, *Acritas Stars Independently Rated Lawyers*, 2019-2020
- Colorado Super Lawyers, 2006-2019
- Top Lawyer - Mergers & Acquisitions, *5280*, 2018
- Corporate/M&A (Colorado), Band 1, *Chambers USA*, 2004-2021
- People's Choice Securities Lawyer, *Barrister's Best, Law Week Colorado*, 2016, 2018-2019
- Overall, *The Best Lawyers in America*, 1995-2019
- People's Choice Best Corporate Law Lawyer, *Barrister's Best, Law Week Colorado*, 2013
- BTI Client Service All-Star MVP (one of 41 in the country), *BTI Consulting Group*, 2013
- M&A/Corporate and Commercial: Shareholder Activism: Advice to Boards, *Legal 500 US*, 2019-2021

Latest thinking and events

- News
 - SEC rule amendments to require electronic

Private Capital

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
- 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
- Public Company Mergers and Acquisitions
- Cross-border Mergers and Acquisitions
- Carve-outs, Spin-offs, and Split-offs
- Hostile Takeovers and Takeover Defense

submission of Form 144 filings and “glossy” annual reports

- Sponsorships and Speaking Engagements
 - Society for Corporate Governance 2022 National Conference
- News
 - SEC proposes expansive climate-related disclosure rules
- News
 - SEC proposes significant new cybersecurity disclosure requirements
- News
 - SEC proposes climate-related disclosure rules
- News
 - SEC proposes modernization of beneficial ownership reporting rules under Exchange Act Section 13

Special Committee and Independent Director Representations

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
