

## Paul Hilton

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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 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



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### Practices

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

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### Industries

Consumer  
Diversified Industrials

investors.

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.

"[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

- Acritas Star, *Acritas Stars Independently Rated Lawyers*, 2019-2020
- Colorado Super Lawyers, 2006-2019
- Top Lawyer - Mergers & Acquisitions, *5280*, 2018
- Corporate/M&A (Colorado), Tier 1, *Chambers USA*, 2004-2019
- Corporate Law, *The Best Lawyers in America*, 2006-2019
- Securities/Capital Markets, *The Best Lawyers in America*, 2006-2019
- Mergers and Acquisitions, *The Best Lawyers in America*, 2006-2019
- 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

Energy and Natural Resources

Life Sciences and Health Care

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## 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

## 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

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## Education and admissions

### Education

J.D., Cornell Law School, 1977

M.A., University of Colorado, 1977

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

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## Bar admissions and qualifications

Colorado

New York

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