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Paul grew up in Atlanta and earned a bachelor of arts degree in history with highest honors from Georgia State University. Before attending law school he worked as a reporter and producer at an all-news radio station. Paul left the news business to join the staff of U.S. Senator Mack Mattingly in Washington, where he served for three years as the senator's deputy press secretary.

Paul attended law school at the University of Georgia and graduated in 1988 with honors. Following graduation, he joined the Department of Justice through the Attorney General's Honors Program. For the past 23 years, Paul has been assigned to the Constitutional Torts Staff in the Civil Division, where he specializes in all types of personal-liability litigation involving federal employees. During this time he has developed an expertise in the process used by Department attorneys to decide whether to authorize individual-capacity representation in a given case. He is also knowledgeable about litigation strategy and the available legal defenses such as absolute immunity, qualified immunity, and the immunity available to federal employees under the *Westfall Act*.

In addition to his practice in both the district courts and the courts of appeals, Paul serves as a point of contact for Assistant U.S. Attorneys nationwide who need guidance and support with their personal-liability cases. He has written several monographs on certain aspects of his legal speciality, and he organizes seminars for DOJ attorneys at the National Advocacy Center. Paul is a frequent guest instructor at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, the Inspector General Academy and various continuing legal education conferences. He also gives briefings to numerous groups of federal employees throughout the executive branch. In 2009 Attorney General Eric Holder presented Paul with the John Marshall Award for Providing Legal Advice.