

Paul B. Hynes, Jr.

Partner

Paul B. Hynes, Jr. maintains a robust litigation practice with a focus on white collar criminal defense, government investigations, and complex civil litigation.

Paul is recognized as a “Rising Star” in tax law. He has represented clients in all stages of U.S. tax enforcement proceedings—including civil audits, criminal investigations, and civil and criminal litigation in federal courts. His clients have included individual and corporate taxpayers as well as firms and professionals whose advice is under attack.

Paul’s white collar criminal matters have included government investigations involving money laundering, the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, and other financial crimes. In these matters, Paul has drawn upon his experience with accounting principles and complex financial records.

Paul’s civil litigation work has included cases involving allegations of fraud, negligence, professional malpractice, and breach of fiduciary duty, as well as disputes between business partners. Paul also has represented clients in government investigations involving alleged civil violations of the False Claims Act. He has been instrumental in negotiating favorable settlements at the pre-litigation and pre-trial stages.

Paul is a coauthor of the second edition of *The Privilege of Silence: Fifth Amendment Protections Against Self-Incrimination*, published by the American Bar Association in 2014.

Professional leadership

- Section of Taxation, American Bar Association

Recognitions

- The Best Lawyers in America, Litigation and Controversy - Tax
- Super Lawyers (Washington, DC)

Bar admissions

- District of Columbia
- Virginia (Associate Status)



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Practice focus

- Tax Controversy
- White Collar Defense
- Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA)
- Investigations
- Business Litigation
- False Claims Act
- Congressional investigations

Education

- American University, Washington College of Law, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2006
 - Order of the Coif
 - *American University Law Review*, 2004-2006
 - Janet R. Spragens Federal Tax Clinic, 2005
- University of Michigan, B.A.,

Court admissions

2003

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit
 - James B. Angell Scholar
- U.S. Court of Federal Claims
 - University Honors
- U.S. Tax Court
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Virginia

Representative matters

- Defended a former senior IRS official in high-profile congressional and criminal investigations concerning the IRS's alleged mistreatment of conservative non-profit entities. After a two-year investigation, the Justice Department declined to bring charges against our client.
- Defended a captive insurance company and its two principals in an IRS promoter penalty audit that concluded without the IRS taking any action against our clients.
- Obtained a favorable settlement on the eve of trial for the founder of a large publicly-traded athletic apparel company in litigation with the IRS over cancellation of indebtedness income.
- Currently defending a client in an FCPA and money laundering investigation by the DOJ related to alleged public corruption in Venezuela.
- Prevailed on a motion to dismiss and obtained a Rule 11 sanctions award for a large non-profit corporation in litigation brought by its former in-house counsel.
- Secured partial summary judgment and a favorable settlement for a large law firm and two of its partners in a private arbitration involving allegations of legal malpractice, breach of fiduciary duty, and breach of contract in connection with tax advice they had given to a large hedge fund.
- Secured summary judgment for a large corporate taxpayer before the U.S. Court of Federal Claims in a case of first impression involving the complex interest-netting provisions of the Internal Revenue Code.