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OVERVIEW:

Paul practices commercial, real estate and fiduciary litigation and maintains an active trial practice in the state and federal courts of Pennsylvania and Maryland. In 30 years of practice, he has handled a wide range of litigation matters including contract litigation, fiduciary litigation, minority shareholder litigation, restrictive covenant and trade secret litigation, insurance and coverage litigation and real estate, eminent domain and tax assessment appeal cases.

Paul also has a significant Orphans' Court practice handling trust disputes, will contests and guardianship proceedings.

Paul's practice also includes zoning and land development matters for some of the largest national and regional residential and commercial developers. Paul's experience includes obtaining variances, special exceptions, conditional uses and other zoning relief.

A native of York, Paul has supported the growth and well-being of his hometown through his active community involvement. Paul serves on the board of directors for various non-profit organizations including social service agencies, and the local bar association.

In addition to being an active litigator, mentor and adviser, Paul has also been a well-received speaker, delivering presentations on construction, insurance, risk management and fiduciary law issues to a variety of public and private groups.

EDUCATION:

- Dickinson School of Law, J.D., magna cum laude
- Millersville University, B.A., magna cum laude

ADMISSIONS:

- Pennsylvania
- Maryland
- U.S. District Court for the Middle and Eastern Districts of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court of Maryland
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, the Fourth Circuit and the District of Columbia

PRACTICE AREAS:

- Litigation
- Higher Education
- Crisis Management
- Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)
- Fiduciary Litigation
- Real Estate Litigation
- Commercial Litigation

INDUSTRY GROUPS:

- Banking
- Senior Living
- Health Care
- Construction

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

WellSpan Health

Board member and Governance & Compensation committee member

TrueNorth Wellness Services

Former board member and board president

Crossroads Counseling and Education Services, Inc.

Former board member and board president

WellSpan Specialty Services

Former board member and chairman

WellSpan Planning Committee

Former board member and chairman

York County Bar Foundation

Former board member and chairman

MS Leadership Lancaster Class of 2007

Member

Leadership York; graduate

Former board member

York County Law Explorers

Former attorney advisor

Young Lawyers Division of the York County Bar Association

Former board member

Statewide Model Guardianship Training and Education Program Advisory Council

Member

RECOGNITIONS:

- The Best Lawyers in America, Litigation - Real Estate (2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025)
- Select Lawyer, Polk-Lepson Research Group; Commercial Litigation and General Civil Litigation
- Pennsylvania Rising Stars (Litigation)
- Central Penn Business Journal (Forty Under 40)

MEMBERSHIPS:

- Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum
- Million Dollar Advocates Forum
- York County Orphans Court, Rules Committee
- Maryland State and Baltimore County bar associations
- Pennsylvania and York County bar associations

PRESENTATIONS:

- "Trends in Zoning and Development," - Panelist, Wake Up With Barley: A Morning on Real Estate Seminar (June 2023)
- "Land Use Institute 2020" faculty member, Pennsylvania Bar Institute (September 2020)
- "Civil Motions Court and Local Rules Compliance", 2018 York County Bar Association Bench Bar Conference (October 2018)
- "Guardianship Practice and Procedure", York County Bar Association (March 2015)
- "Risk Management: How to Mitigate Risk", ACC Seminar: What Keeps You up at Night? (September 2013)
- "Creating A Successful Inside-Outside Counsel Partnership", ACC Seminar: What Keeps You up at Night? (September 2012)
- "Construction Lien Law Seminar" Lorman Education Services
- "Pennsylvania Construction Defect and Mold Litigation Seminar" National Business Institute
- "Operational Considerations for Small Business" Pennsylvania Bar Institute Publication Counseling

Small Businesses

- "Should Punitive Damages be Recoverable from a Decedent's Estate" Dickinson Law Review

CLERKSHIPS:

- Cumberland County Court of Common Pleas (1992-1994)

RELATED NEWS:

- Barley Snyder Names Partners Lindsey Cook and Paul Minnich Co-Chairs of Alternative Dispute Resolution Service Team
May 29, 2025
- Primary Victory Paves Way for Barley Snyder Partner Paul W. Minnich to Join York County Judiciary
May 22, 2025
- Barley Snyder Welcomes Attorney Thomas Platts to York Office
November 13, 2024
- Eminent Domain in Pennsylvania: What Property Owners Need to Know
October 24, 2024
- New Baltimore County Ordinance Seeks to Ease School Overcrowding, Restricts Residential Development
July 29, 2024
- Guardianship Law Update: Stricter Pennsylvania Guardianship Laws under Act 61 to Take Effect in June
May 24, 2024
- Barley Snyder Announces 2024 Leadership Changes
January 9, 2024
- Barley Snyder Announces 2023 Leadership Changes
January 20, 2023
- Barley Snyder Partner Minnich Explains Guardianships
December 1, 2021
- Best Lawyers Honors 30 Barley Attorneys
August 25, 2021
- Barley Snyder Announces 2021 Leadership Changes
January 12, 2021
- Nearly Thirty Barley Snyder Attorneys Named Best Lawyers
August 20, 2020

- Pennsylvania, Maryland Put Freezes on Evictions
April 29, 2020
- Most Insurance Policies Unclear on Business Loss Insurance (UPDATED)
March 31, 2020
- Barley Snyder Places 21 Attorneys on Best Lawyers List
August 15, 2019
- Important Facts for Property Owners About Eminent Domain and PennDOT
April 15, 2019
- Another Barley Snyder Attorney Admitted to Practice in Maryland
December 13, 2018
- Minnich, Tomevi, Speak on Local Rules Panel
November 6, 2018
- Barley Snyder Opens Second Maryland Office
August 20, 2018
- Sixteen Barley Snyder Attorneys Named to Best Lawyers List; Werner Named a Lawyer of the Year
August 16, 2018
- Barley Snyder Announces Leadership Updates
January 29, 2018
- Eleven Barley Snyder Attorneys Named Best Lawyers
August 15, 2017
- Minnich Earns Status in Elite Attorney Group
June 13, 2017
- Paul Minnich Named to WellSpan Health Board
March 1, 2017
- Thirteen Barley Snyder Attorneys Named Select Lawyers
December 27, 2016
- Barley Snyder Attorneys Minnich and Hackman Admitted to Baltimore County Bar Association
April 24, 2015