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Practice Areas

Litigation & Disputes

Education

Columbia University School of Law,
J.D., Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar, Articles
Editor, Columbia Business Law Review

Providence College, B.A. Political Science
and Economics, summa cum laude.

Bar Memberships & Admissions

Massachusetts

Rhode Island

U.S. Federal District Court, Massachusetts

U.S. Federal District Court, Rhode Island

U.S. Court of Appeals, 1st Circuit

Paul is the Co-Managing Partner of the Firm.

Paul also serves as Chair of the Firm's Litigation Practice group and represents corporate clients and individuals in nearly every type of complex litigation, including breach of contract, commercial, insurance, intellectual property, environmental, and real estate disputes. He represents clients in all phases of litigation in state and federal courts and has tried both bench and jury trials. Applying a business-minded approach to every dispute, Paul has a proven track record advising clients across a broad range of industries in high-stakes, big-dollar disputes often alongside or against some of the country's largest and most established firms. He is skilled at resolving cases before litigation – but when litigation is necessary, he represents his clients effectively, proficiently, and creatively.

Before joining Partridge Snow & Hahn LLP, Paul was a litigator at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP.

Honors

- Fellow of the Rhode Island Bar Foundation, June 23, 2022
- *Chambers USA* – Consistently ranked as leading attorney in Commercial Litigation
- Recognized for commercial litigation by *Best Lawyers in America*
- Selected as a "Local Litigation Star" and 40 & Under Hot List 2019 by *Benchmark: Litigation*
- Recognized as a "Rising Star" in business litigation by *Rhode Island Super Lawyers*
- Selected by *Providence Business News* as a 2012 40 Under Forty Honoree
- Recognized by the *New England Business Bulletin* as a 2011 Top Young Professional Under Forty

Representative Publications

- Court Clarifies When Duty to Preserve Evidence in Litigation Arises February 14, 2023
- Rule 26(e) Supplementation of Expert Reports: Not As Easy As It May Look January 2, 2023
- Five Tips for Using Proportionality to Limit Wild Goose Chases in Discovery June 11, 2020
- RI Supreme Court Decision to Impact Real Estate, Title and Mortgage Industries June 3, 2020
- 'Business Interruption' Recovery May Be Uphill Climb For Insureds As seen in *Rhode Island Lawyers Weekly*, May 14, 2020
- Christian Jenner & Paul Kessimian: Data Hygiene December 6, 2019
- Paul M. Kessimian Comments on Appellate Decision in Long-Arm Statute Case As seen in *Mass Lawyers Weekly*, July 2, 2019
- U.S. District Court Officially Adopts Established R.I. Deposition Standards As seen in *RI Lawyers Weekly*, August 16, 2018
- Bankruptcy Bar Assesses Supreme Court Nixing of Structured Dismissal *Paul Kessimian was quoted in a Rhode Island Lawyers Weekly article*, April 13, 2017
- New Supreme Court Decision Reminds Parties to Bankruptcies to Keep their Priorities Straight March 31, 2017
- Got A Priority Bankruptcy Claim? Nothing To Worry About Then, Right? Wrong. 03 November 2016
- The Nature of Workers' Compensation as Affected by Pain and Suffering March 16, 2016
- Harsh & Costly Lesson from Unilateral Use of E-Discovery Tools September 30, 2014
- e-Discovery Update: Avoid Sanctions by Appropriately Preserving Electronically Stored Information July 15, 2013

Representative Speaking Engagements

- Christian R. Jenner and Paul M. Kessimian Present at the Rhode Island Bar Association 2021 Annual Meeting June 23, 2021
- Paul Kessimian Shares Insights in Virtual Litigation Academy Video August 3, 2020
- PS&H Partner Paul Kessimian Speaks at National Center for State Courts Webinar July 20, 2020
- PS&H Partners Michael Gamboli and Paul Kessimian Speak at Rhode Island Bar Association 2018 Annual Meeting June 6, 2018

Recognitions

- PSH Attorneys Recognized in 2023 Edition of Best Lawyers in America August 18, 2022
- Three Partridge Snow & Hahn Attorneys Selected as Fellows of Rhode Island Bar Foundation July 27, 2022
- Chambers USA 2022 Recognizes Partridge Snow & Hahn June 9, 2022
- Partridge Snow & Hahn LLP Announces New Co-Managing Partners April 1, 2022
- Partridge Snow & Hahn Named in Benchmark Litigation's 2022 Rankings and Stars October 2021
- Paul M. Kessimian Elected to President-Elect of Defense Counsel of Rhode Island June 2021
- Chambers USA 2021 Recognizes Partridge Snow & Hahn May 20, 2021
- Partridge Snow & Hahn Named in Benchmark Litigation's 2021 Rankings and Stars November 2020
- Partridge Snow & Hahn Attorneys Recognized in the 2021 Edition of Best Lawyers in America August 20, 2020
- Partridge Snow & Hahn Attorneys Recognized in Professional Excellence Law Issue In Rhode Island Monthly June 2020
- Chambers USA 2020 Recognizes Partridge Snow & Hahn May 2020
- Paul Kessimian Elected to Secretary of Rhode Island Chapter of Federal Bar Association November 13, 2019
- Partridge Snow & Hahn Named in Benchmark Litigation's 2020 Rankings and Stars November 8, 2019
- PS&H Partner Paul Kessimian Elected Vice President Of Defense Counsel June 14, 2019
- Chambers USA 2019 Recognizes Partridge Snow & Hahn in Massachusetts and Rhode Island May 1, 2019
- Partridge Snow & Hahn Named in Benchmark Litigation's 2019 Rankings and Stars December 7, 2018
- Partridge Snow & Hahn Attorneys Have Been Named to the 2019 Edition of Best Lawyers in America November 5, 2018
- PS&H Attorneys Named 2018 Super Lawyers and Rising Stars *American Lawyer Media* , October 22, 2018
- PS&H Attorneys Named 2017 Super Lawyers and Rising Stars October 2017
- Best Lawyers in America 2018 Names PS&H Providence Attorneys Bernardo, Gamboli, Gilden, Merten and McCarthy "Lawyers of the Year" 11 Attorneys in Providence and Boston Named "Best Lawyers", August 16, 2017
- Partridge Snow & Hahn LLP Announces New Managing Partner and Other Firm Leaders April 1, 2017
- Paul Kessimian named a winner of Benchmark Litigation Under 40 Hot List – 2016 August 16, 2016

Representative Cases

- Advise client with regard to scope and applicability of insurance regulation in Rhode Island and Massachusetts.
- Co-chaired six week federal jury trial on behalf of client seeking to recover costs associated with cleaning up environmental contaminants under Massachusetts law (Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 21E) to verdict and through appeal to the First Circuit.
- Defended publicly traded pharmaceutical company in qui tam suits brought in Federal Court in Rhode Island and Boston.
- Represented one of the nation's largest insurance companies in litigation involving life insurance sales practices.
- Successfully briefed and argued before the Massachusetts Appeals Court on behalf of a municipality concerning the scope of its power to revoke building permits, issue cease and desist orders, and control the application of its bylaws.
- Successfully defended a publicly traded chemical manufacturing and biotechnology firm against a multi-million dollar suit brought by a former landlord.
- Obtained a judgment, on behalf of mechanics' lienholders, subordinating over \$20 million in mortgages held by an international bank to the clients' liens.
- Successfully represented financial institution on reopened Chapter 11 bankruptcy adversary proceeding upholding the validity of the financial instruments it had obtained pursuant to that bankruptcy.