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Paul serves as a legal consultant and Principal of PEPTalk Advisors. Paul advises corporations, public officials and executives how to effectively and efficiently navigate government investigations across the globe. His 27 years as a senior level DOJ white collar and narcotics prosecutor allow for unique and keen insights and practical advice. Paul previously was a partner at both Pepper Hamilton LLP and Mintz Levin PC where he represented public and private companies, executives and high-profile individuals from various industries in state and federal investigations, including health care, pharmaceutical, biotechnology, medical device and financial services. He is experienced in matters alleging international bribery, fraud and corruption. Paul serves as an Adjunct Professor at The George Washington University Law School teaching a course on International Money Laundering, Corruption and Terrorism.

At the Department of Justice, Paul served as Chief and Principal Deputy Chief for the Criminal Division's Fraud Section, where his primary responsibilities included oversight of the of the Nation's Corporate Fraud Enforcement initiatives as well as implementation of the Section's corporate fraud and health care fraud enforcement litigation. Paul also administered oversight of the Section's Foreign Corrupt Practices Act mandate. While leading DOJ's economic crime enforcement efforts, Paul successfully investigated and prosecuted financial institutions as well as senior level executives at Quest Communications, AIG, GenRe Insurance and PNC Bank. Paul also previously served as Chief of the Economic Crimes Section of the U.S. Attorney's Office in Miami where he spearheaded some of the largest drug trafficking and money laundering prosecutions in the U.S.

Paul was instrumental in developing and positioning the Fraud Section's health care strike force teams across the country to combat regional health care fraud schemes. These strike forces have prevented the theft of more than \$10 billion from the Medicare Trust Fund. Paul served as lead counsel in more than 20 white collar jury trials targeting money laundering, sophisticated financial, corporate, and securities fraud, and health care fraud.

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Paul began his career in the Justice Department's Tax Division.

Paul has been recognized by the Attorney General and the Inspector General of the Department of Health and Human Services with the highest honor of DOJ and HHS for his work on the prosecution and dismantling of a Colombian-based cartel, resulting in the seizure and subsequent forfeiture of approximately \$200 million in cash and for his work in the conviction of 28 individuals, including trial convictions of five doctors and pharmacists, involved in a multimillion-dollar health care fraud scheme.

Paul is a frequent speaker and has written on such topics as anti-corruption, financial fraud, money laundering and health care fraud. His investigation of Ponzi-schemer Allen Stanford has been featured on *American Greed*. His investigation and prosecution of a Miami-based drug cartel kingpin was the subject of the Emmy Nominated episode "*PinKings*" on *ESPN's SC Featured*.

Paul's efforts to hold Wall Street executives accountable after the 2008 economic meltdown are chronicled in Pulitzer Prize Winning author Jesse Eisinger's provocative book, *The Chickenshit Club*. Paul also recently explained DOJ's failed efforts to hold Purdue Pharma and its top executives fully accountable for its role in the Opioid crises were featured on the NY Times TV Series *The Weekly* in an episode entitled "*The Memo*." He is also featured in Oscar winning documentarian Alex Gibney's *Crime of the Century* exposé on Purdue Pharma and its owners, the Sackler family.

Paul writes extensively about financial crime issues.