

Gary M. Paul

PARTNER

Gary Paul is a partner at Waters Kraus Paul & Siegel in the firm's West Coast practice. Gary brings a distinguished legal portfolio to the firm, including five decades as a trial lawyer in complex civil matters such as consumer and medical product liability, medical and professional malpractice, commercial and insurance litigation, and employment and labor law. After earning a bachelor's degree in engineering from Arizona State University and a master's in engineering from UCLA, Gary worked as a space and missile engineer for a decade before deciding to pursue a career in law. Gary earned his Juris Doctor degree from Loyola Law School in Los Angeles in 1974, and was admitted to practice by the State Bar of California the same year. A respected author, Gary has written numerous articles for legal journals. He is co-author of the California Tort Practice Guide, a five-volume law treatise published by Clark Boardman Callaghan. He is also a frequent speaker at legal symposia and continuing legal education seminars.

Gary has achieved the rank of Diplomate with the American Board of Trial Advocates, a position reached once an attorney has tried 100 jury trials. Gary was presented with the Leonard Ring Champion of Justice Award in July 2016 and the Harry M. Philo Award in 2014 by the American Association for Justice (AAJ), and he served as president of the AAJ from 2011 to 2012. He has also served as president of the Consumer Attorneys of California (CAOC) and Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles (CAALA) and remains active on the Board of Governors of all three organizations. In 2006, he was president of the Pound Civil Justice Institute, a think tank of accomplished trial attorneys working to strengthen the practice of trial law through educational programs, publications and research grants. He has been recognized multiple times by the CAALA and CAOC for outstanding service to the legal profession and his community, including an election to the CAALA Hall of Fame and an unprecedented second award as CAALA's Trial Lawyer of the Year in 2008. In 2012, Gary's Law School presented him with The Loyola Law School Champion of Justice Award. Gary has been selected by his peers for inclusion in the The Best Lawyers In America® magazine for his work on behalf of plaintiffs in Personal Injury Litigation from 2017 through 2024. Gary has also appeared on the Thomson Reuters Southern California Super Lawyers® list for over 20 consecutive years, from 2005 to 2025. Gary is a member of the State Bar of California, the International Academy of Trial Lawyers, the American Board of Trial Advocates, AAJ, CAALA and CAOC. He is a native of Springfield, Ohio.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

State Bar of California

International Academy of Trial Lawyers

American Association for Justice

Board of Governors, 2001-present

Executive Committee 2005-2006, 2012, 2014-2016

Parliamentarian, 2006

Treasurer, 2007

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AREAS OF PRACTICE

Asbestos Litigation

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Medical Device Litigation

Medical & Professional
Malpractice

Pharmaceutical

Product Liability

Qui Tam

Toxic Tort

BAR ADMISSIONS

California, 1974

EDUCATION

Loyola Law School, Los Angeles,
California, J.D., 1974

University of California at Los
Angeles, California, M.S.E.,
1969

Arizona State University, Tempe,
Arizona, B.S.E.E., 1965

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Secretary, 2008
Vice President, 2009
President-Elect, 2010
President, 2011

Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles

Board of Governors, 1977-1979
Treasurer, 1980
Secretary, 1981
Vice President, 1981-1983
President, 1985
Hall of Fame, 2008

Consumer Attorneys of California

Board of Governors, 1979, 1981-1983
Vice President, 1987-1988, 1989-1991
President-Elect, 1992
President, 1993

American Board of Trial Advocates

Diplomate
Pound Civil Justice Institute
President, 2006

HONORS & AWARDS

Selected for recognition on the Best Lawyers in America© list, produced and published by Best Lawyers©, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021

Recipient, Distinguished Service Award, American Association for Justice, 2006, 2010, 2017

Recipient, Leonard Ring Champion of Justice Award, American Association for Justice, 2016

Recipient, Harry M. Philo Award, American Association for Justice, 2014

AV® Preeminent™ 5.0 out of 5, Martindale-Hubbell Featured Peer Review Rated Lawyer

Selected for recognition on the “Southern California’s Top Rated Lawyers” list, produced by LexisNexis® Martindale-Hubbell® and published by ALM Media Properties, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015

Selected for inclusion on Southern California Super Lawyers list, published by Thomson Reuters, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025

Recipient, Champion of Justice Award, Loyola Law School, 2012

Recipient, Marvin Lewis Award, Consumer Attorneys of California, 2008

Finalist, Attorney of the Year, Consumer Attorneys of California, 2008

Recipient, Hall of Fame, Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles, 2008

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Recipient, Ted Horn Memorial Award, Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles, 2000

Recipient, Edward I. Pollock Award, Consumer Attorneys Association of California, 1996

Recipient, Trial Lawyer of the Year, Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles, 1981, 2008

Eta Kappa Nu Engineering Honor Society

St. Thomas More Law Honor Society

HIGHLIGHTS

\$7.68M Hip Implant Verdict Against Zimmer, Inc.

2019 SoCal Super Lawyer: Gary Paul Reaches 15-Year Milestone

\$8.45M Mesothelioma Verdict for Career Pipefitter in Calif.

Gary Paul Named on 2018 Southern California Supers Lawyers List

Gary Paul Named on 2017 The Best Lawyers in America © List

Mesothelioma Victim Receives \$7.55M Verdict

Gary Paul Receives Distinguished Service Award

Southern California Super Lawyers 2017

Whistleblower Claims Lead to \$30M Settlement for CDI

Waters Kraus Paul & Siegel Partner Wins Leonard Ring Award

2016 Southern California Super Lawyers®

Forty-Year-Old English Professor Receives \$27.5 Million Asbestos Award

Waters Kraus Paul & Siegel Partner Wins Harry Philo Award

Southern California Super Lawyers 2013

Waters Kraus Paul & Siegel Partner Takes Office as President of World's Largest Trial Bar

California Insurance Commissioner to Pursue Healthcare Fraud Case

American Association for Justice Announces Waters Kraus Paul & Siegel Partner as President-Elect

The National Law Journal Top 100 Verdicts of 2009: Waters Kraus Paul & Siegel Asbestos Verdict #98

Asbestos Claimants are 'Truly Sick' and Deserve Day in Court – Daily Journal

WKP Partner Gary M. Paul Elected VP of American Association for Justice (AAJ)

U.S. Navy Machinist's Mate Awarded \$12.0M in 1960s Asbestos-Exposure Case

2009 Southern California Super Lawyers (pdf)

Gary Paul Talks to Consumer Attorneys of California (CAOC) About Asbestos Naval Case – video



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