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Paul Galea joined Gallagher Sharp as a Partner in August of 2014. His practice primarily involves defending commercial shipping companies, marinas and private pleasure boat owners and operators in all forms of maritime matters including, personal injury claims under the Jones Act, Death on the High Seas Act (DOHSA), Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act (LHWCA), as well as injuries to passengers, warehousemen, and marina employees. He assists in accident investigations, property damage claims, and in disputes involving employer liability, the Limitation of Liability Act, freight forwarders and NVOCC, and marine salvage. He handles maritime matters throughout Great Lakes ports in Michigan and Ohio, and he has appeared before the National Labor Relations Board, United States Coast Guard, and the National Transportation Safety Board. Other substantive areas of Paul's law practice are professional liability, asbestos and toxic tort, insurance coverage, and ecclesiastical law.

BAR ADMISSIONS

- 1978, Michigan
- 1993, Ohio
- Supreme Court of the United States
- Court of Appeals
Sixth Circuit
- United States District Court
Eastern District of Michigan
Western District of Michigan
Northern District of Ohio
Northern District of Illinois
Western District of Wisconsin
- Detroit Bar Association
- Association of Defense Trial Counsel

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- "Runyon v. McCary: Discriminatory Practices in the Private Sector," 401 *Detroit College Law Review*, 1977
- Numerous presentations relating to the Maritime industry

OTHER

- Approved Arbitrator, Boat U.S., Salvage Arbitration Plan
- Associate Editor, *American Maritime Cases*
- Martindale-Hubbell, AV® Peer Review Rated

EDUCATION

- **Detroit College of Law, Michigan State University** (J.D., *cum laude*, 1978)
- *Detroit College Law Review* (1977-1978)
- Moot Court Board
- **University of Detroit** (B.A., *cum laude*, 1975)

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Maritime Law Association of the United States
- American Bar Association
- State Bar of Michigan

PRACTICE GROUPS

- Transportation
- General Litigation
- Insurance
- Professional Liability
- Mass Tort/Toxic Tort
- Business & Employment
- Product Liability