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Paul Galea's 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.

Practice Areas

- Transportation
- General Litigation
- Insurance
- Professional Liability

Bar Admissions

- 1978, Michigan
- Supreme Court of the United States
- Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan
- United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
- United States District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin

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)

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Honors & Recognition

- Martindale-Hubbell, AV® Peer Review Rated
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Other

- Approved Arbitrator, Boat U.S., Salvage Arbitration Plan
 - Associate Editor, *American Maritime Cases*
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Professional Organizations

- Maritime Law Association of the United States
 - American Bar Association
 - State Bar of Michigan
 - Detroit Bar Association
 - Association of Defense Trial Counsel
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Publications & Presentations

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

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