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Paul leads cross-border M&A, corporate, and finance transactions, advising clients on complex international deals with commercial clarity and strategic focus.

Paul is a cross-border M&A, corporate, and finance transactions partner at Dorsey & Whitney, advising on mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, lending, and debt capital markets transactions across the U.S., the UK, Europe, and emerging markets. With deal experience in more than 45 countries, he is known for guiding clients through complex, multi-jurisdictional transactions with clarity, precision, and commercial focus.

Paul co-leads Dorsey's Mergers & Acquisitions Practice Group, leading international deal teams and guiding clients through regulatory, structural, and execution challenges inherent in cross-border transactions, supported by an active presence across Dorsey's U.S. and UK offices. His sector experience spans broadband and mobile telephony, media, beverages, engineering, specialty finance, equipment leasing, payment card production and services, and specialty pharmaceutical products.

Clients rely on Paul for his calm, strategic leadership, his ability to translate complex legal issues into practical business solutions, and his skill in coordinating multi-jurisdictional transactions efficiently and effectively. He is recognized for anticipating issues before they arise, managing diverse deal teams across time zones, and delivering advice that is commercial, actionable, and aligned with client objectives. Boards, executives, and international counsel value his collaborative style and his ability to keep transactions moving smoothly under pressure.

Paul's background includes more than a decade practicing in London and a long track record of advising global corporates and growth stage companies. He has served on multiple educational and civic boards, including Junior Achievement–Rocky Mountain and the University of Iowa Belin Blank Center.

Education

- University of Michigan Law School (J.D.)
- University of Iowa (B.B.A.)
 - with highest distinction

Bar Admissions

- Colorado
- New York

Select Experience

Mergers and acquisitions and joint ventures

- \$1.95 billion enterprise value acquisition of AT&T's wireless and wireline operations in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, counsel to buyer, a leading telecommunications company
- \$200.0 million cash-for-shares acquisition of 84% of a leading U.S.-based ice cream ingredients business, counsel to buyer, a Norwegian-based, leading supplier of branded consumer goods
- Formation of a U.S. boxing joint venture between a U.K.-based, leading international direct-to-consumer sports streaming service and a U.K.-based sporting events promoting company
- Formation of a venture between a leading telecommunications company and a private investment firm, counsel to the telecommunications company

Court Admissions

- Registered Foreign Lawyer, England & Wales

Professional Affiliations

- Board of Directors, Junior Achievement – Rocky Mountain, Inc.
- National Board of Advisors, Belin-Blank International Center for Gifted Education and Talent Development at the University of Iowa

Accolades

- *Best Lawyers in America*®, 2014-2026
- *Colorado Super Lawyers*, 2006-2022, 2024
- Top Lawyer in Denver, *5280 The Denver Magazine*, International, 2017 and 2020-2023