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Overview

Paul Hatch is the chief executive officer of the Nextlaw Global Public Affairs Network. He is a communications and public affairs professional with more than 30 years of experience.

A native of Salt Lake City, Utah, Paul is a lawyer by training and experience, with an undergraduate background in finance, economics and management.

Paul moved to Washington, DC, in 1993 to serve as political director of the Republican Governors' Association (RGA), the national campaign committee dedicated to the election of Republican candidates as governors of US states. He became executive director of the RGA in 1994; during his tenure at the RGA, Republican governorships increased from 17 to 32, the highest number in more than a century.

While at the RGA, Paul was the governors' liaison to the White House as well as the leadership in the US Senate and the House of Representatives. In this capacity, Paul was instrumental in the passage of legislation that had profound impacts on state and local governments, including historic welfare and Medicaid reform bills.

From the RGA, Paul moved to the Republican National Committee, where he served as the chairman of Victory '96, a 50-state campaign initiative. He worked closely with various political committees and party leaders across the country.

Paul has also been active in international politics. He advised late Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto from 2001 through 2006, assisting with her complex relationship with the administration of President George W. Bush. Paul also served as pro bono political counsel to the Kurdistan Regional Government from 2005 until 2008, during the height of the Iraq War.

In 2006, Paul helped organize a pro bono engagement at his law firm on behalf of the National Coalition Government of the Union of Burma, the then government-in-exile of Myanmar (formerly Burma). Many involved in this project believe that his firm's work was instrumental in leading to the process of democratization in Myanmar.

Paul has also advised candidates for Parliament and prime minister in Hungary, as well as members of the Parliament of the United Kingdom.

In addition to his work for eight years in a large international law firm, Paul worked as a senior consultant to the

largest lobbying firm in Washington where he built a national referral network of law and lobbying firms. He served for two years in the United States Army and for 10 years in the Army's Reserve Forces.

Paul resides in Washington, DC, and rural Vermont.

Areas of focus

Practices

- Public Policy and Regulation