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## Paul J. Collins

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With over three decades of experience in the practice of trusts and estates law, Paul Collins helps individuals and families preserve their assets and plan for the future. His work includes trust and estate planning and administration, both in the United States and internationally. His particular strength is fiduciary litigation, such as contested probate and accounting matters, guardianships, disputes over inherited property, and the construction of wills and trusts. Clients value Paul's ability to resolve family disputes in an efficient manner. He represents clients in the Surrogate's Courts and other courts in New York, as well as Connecticut courts, and uses mediation or arbitration where appropriate.

Paul's practice extends to asset protection, pre- and post-nuptial agreements, and charitable planning, including the organization and operation of charitable foundations.

### Published Work and Lectures

- Lighthouse, Speaker, "Charitable Giving Strategies," May 2012
- Lazard, Speaker, "Asset Protection," October 2011
- Christie's NYC, Speaker, "Estate Planning Aspects of Investments in Fine Art," May 2005

### Affiliations

- New York State Bar Association, Member
- Bar Association of the City of New York, Member

### Honors and Distinctions

- *Best Lawyers*, 2022-2025, Listed in New York for Trust and Estates

### Areas of Experience

Trusts and Estates  
Tax

### Education

J.D., Georgetown University Law Center, 1984  
B.A., Dartmouth College, 1979, cum laude

### Admissions

#### Bars

New York  
Connecticut

#### Courts

U.S. Tax Court  
U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York  
U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York

### Languages

Spanish  
French

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