



## Paul Gorfinkel

### SENIOR COUNSEL

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#### Practice Group

Insurance Coverage

#### Bar Admission

New York

**Paul enjoys solving complex legal problems based on, or making inferences from, actual case or statutory law. His interest in Talmudic study enhances his ability to make detailed analyses, enriching his legal practice.**

### Experience

Paul Gorfinkel represents insurance companies on complex coverage issues in courts across the country.

He has extensive experience in environmental, toxic tort, mortgage impairment, intellectual property, additional insured, construction, and advertising injury coverage. He has litigated declaratory judgment actions throughout the United States, including briefing and arguing dispositive motions and appeals, conducting trials, and engineering settlements. Paul has also broadened his expertise to include the area of municipal finance and taxation. He has been actively involved in representing several insurance companies, for five New York Dioceses, in the massive litigations over alleged sexual abuse by Catholic priests.

A frequent lecturer and writer on hazardous waste, asbestos, and insurance matters, Paul has spoken at professional seminars and graduate school classes. He also has addressed a Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter (CPCU) symposium on the topic of coverage for lead poisoning claims.

Paul previously served as law secretary to Justice Moses M. Weinstein of the New York State Appellate Division.

### Court Admissions

U.S. District Courts of the Eastern, Southern, Northern and Western Districts of New York

U.S. District Courts for the Eastern and Western Districts of Michigan

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin

U.S. District Court of Colorado

U.S. Court of Appeals, Second, Third, Sixth and Seventh Circuits

### Education

New York University, J.D.

Yeshiva University, B.A. in Mathematics

#### Involvement

Paul is currently the chairman of the Board of Trustees of Congregation Anshei Chesed, the successor of Toras Chaim. He is a past president of Congregation Toras Chaim, in Hewlett, NY, and sat on the board of directors of the Hebrew Academy of Long Beach.

He also served on the editorial board of Matthew Bender's publication Moore's Federal Practice and was responsible for rewriting the chapters on Rules 16 and 53 of the *Federal Rules of Civil Procedure*.

#### Accolades

Since 2019, Legal 500 has recommended Rivkin Radler's Insurance Coverage practice in the Insurance: Advice to Insurers category. The Insurance Coverage Practice Group since 2016 has been included in the *Chambers USA* directory in the Insurance: Dispute Resolution: Insurer category.

#### Representative Matters

Paul was the successful lead trial attorney in the seminal case, *Sybron Transition Corp. v. Security Insurance of Hartford*, 258 F.3d 595 (7th Cir. 2001), which created important precedent regarding the allocation of liability between insurer and insured. He also assisted in developing and asserting the government contractor defense and third-party causes of action against the United States in nationwide product liability actions.