

Paul R. Hannah, Hennepin County Attorney's Office

Hannah had a civil business litigation practice from 1973 until joining the Hennepin County Attorney's Office in 2012. As part of that experience, he practiced media and constitutional law, intellectual property law employment law, insurance law, corporate governance law and the law of shareholder disputes. His media and constitutional law practice included representing media in defamation and invasion of privacy litigation. He also represented media and others in subpoena cases, and he has litigated access to government and court records. He has also been involved in the prepublication review of newspaper and broadcast stories. Some of those stories have won major national and regional journalism awards, including the Pulitzer Prize and national Emmy and Peabody Awards. Hannah has advised artists, newspapers, television stations, book publishers and other clients on their intellectual property rights and responsibilities. He represented clients in copyright and trademark litigation, including the Minnesota Historical Society and St. Martin's Press.

His business and corporate governance practice included litigation of contract, employment and shareholder disputes. He managed an investigation by a Special Litigation Committee consisting of Minnesota Supreme Court Chief Justice Kathleen Blatz and Justice Edward Stringer into the stock option practices of UnitedHealthCare. He has litigated in Minnesota's trial courts and appellate courts, the United States District Courts, the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals and the United States Supreme Court.