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Bar Admissions

- Maryland, 1989
- District of Columbia, 1991
- Virginia, 1992
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, 1991
- U.S. District Court District of Maryland, 1990
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maryland, 1990
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, 1992
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, 1992
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District Virginia, 2006
- U.S. District Court of the District of Columbia, 1992
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Columbia, 1992

Education

- University of Maryland School of Law, 1989 - J.D.
- University of Maryland, 1986 - B.A.

Previous Experience

- Linowes and Blocher LLP, Partner, 1999 – 2009
- Linowes and Blocher LLP, Associate, 1991 – 1998
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maryland, Greenbelt Division, Panel Trustee, Chapter 7, 1998 – 2002
- Hon. Paul Mannes, Chief Judge, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of Maryland, Law Clerk, 1990 – 1991
- Hon. Donald Gilmore, Circuit Court, Carroll County, MD, Law Clerk, 1989 – 1990

Paul Sweeney is the Managing Member of YVS Law, LLC and has over 35 years of experience in complex Chapter 11 bankruptcy and commercial litigation. His experience includes an emphasis on bankruptcy reorganization, bankruptcy litigation, business litigation, out of court restructurings and workouts, receiverships and related insolvency litigation in state and federal courts in Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia.

Mr. Sweeney has served as a bankruptcy trustee for the Office of the U.S. Trustee in the Greenbelt and Baltimore Divisions of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maryland. He is admitted to practice in all trial courts in the state and federal courts of Maryland, the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Virginia. Mr. Sweeney is a past president of the Maryland Bankruptcy Bar Association and a past member of the Board of Directors. He is a frequent lecturer on bankruptcy law and related litigation.

Mr. Sweeney is recognized as preeminent in his field by Martindale-Hubbell, and has been recognized as one of the Best Lawyers in America by Best Lawyers, as a Super Lawyer in the area of bankruptcy and creditor/debtor rights, and as one of America's Top 100 Bet-The-Company Litigators.

Honors and Awards

- Mr. Sweeney is listed in the Top 100 Maryland Attorneys by Super Lawyers
- Maryland Super Lawyers, Bankruptcy & Creditor/Debtor Rights, 2007 - Present
- Best Lawyers in America®, Best Lawyers, Selected for Inclusion in the areas of Bankruptcy/Insolvency, Commercial Litigation, and Litigation – Bankruptcy, 2009-2026
- Top Attorneys in Maryland, Baltimore Magazine, 2011 and 2015
- AV Preeminent Attorney, Martindale-Hubbell Top Rated Lawyers, 1998-Present
- Top Attorneys in Maryland, 2009, 2011-2014, 2016
- Top Rated Lawyer in DC-Baltimore, Martindale-Hubble, 2014-2015
- Leading Lawyers in Anne Arundel County, What's Up Annapolis?, 2014-2015
- American's Most Honored Professionals – Top 1%, The American Registry, 2014-2015
- Best Maryland Attorneys, June 2013
- Best Attorneys in Maryland, October 2012
- American's Most Honored Professionals – Top 5%, The American Registry, 2011-2012
- Top Lawyers Corporate Counsel, 2011-2012
- AV Preeminent Lawyers.com, Legal Ability & Ethical Standards 2010-2011
- Baltimore & Washington DC's Top Attorneys 2011, The Washington Post, October 2010
- Top Lawyers, Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights Law, Corporate Counsel, January 2009
- Top Attorneys in The DC Metro Area, DC Magazine, March 2009

Speaking Engagements

- Speaker, "Serving the Insolvent or Bankrupt Client and Getting Paid", National Association of Certified Valuators and Analysts
- Ad Hoc Instructor, Creditors Rights, University of Maryland School of Law
- Guest Lecturer, Business Law, Johns Hopkins University
- Guest Lecturer, Litigation, Villa Julie College
- Speaker, "Bankruptcy Case Study," Community Associations Institute Annual Law Seminar
- Speaker, "IP Issues and Sales," Walter Chandler American Inn of Court
- Speaker, "Alternatives to Bankruptcy," The Bankruptcy Bar Association for the District of Maryland, 2011 Twenty-Third Annual CLE Program and Fifteenth Annual Spring Break Weekend
- Speaker, "Top Ten Evidentiary Objections," The Bankruptcy Bar Association for the District of Maryland, 2008 Twentieth Annual CLE Program and Twelfth Annual Spring Break Weekend

Professional Associations and Memberships

- Maryland Bankruptcy Bar Association, President 2006-2007
- American Bankruptcy Institute, Member
- Maryland State Bar Association, Member
- Virginia State Bar Association, Member
- District of Columbia Bar Association, Member
- Walter Chandler American Inn of Court
- St. Thomas More Society
- Anne Arundel Bar Association
- Howard County Bar Association