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PAUL GRUWELL

ASSOCIATE | LITIGATION & DISPUTE RESOLUTION

His practice emphasizes litigation on behalf of commercial and real estate clients. He also represents a number of public sector clients in tort defense cases including dangerous condition, wrongful death, and other personal injury matters.

CHILDHOOD:

Paul was born in Minnesota, moved to Washington State, then to the Bay Area briefly, and on to New Orleans where he attended middle school and high school before returning to San Francisco for law school.

FIRST JOB:

Working at Chuck E. Cheese's where he dressed up as the Chuck E. Cheese mouse mascot. He spent one summer working at a branch in Chico and another in New Orleans. One of the highlights was being in a parade dressed as Chuck E. Cheese.

FAVORITE THING ABOUT BEING A LAWYER:

Paul likes tackling big problems; digging deeper into legal issues until he gets to the reason why his client is right. He also likes the camaraderie of a team that is headed to trial – or even just working on a big project together.

LEAST FAVORITE PART OF THE JOB:

Discovery abuse. And time-keeping/billing time. It is a necessary evil.

WHAT'S YOUR BIGGEST PET PEEVE?

"Your" vs. "you're".

WHO IS YOUR MOST RESPECTED COMPETITOR?

John Cu is Paul's most respected competitor in fashion.

IF YOU WEREN'T A LAWYER YOU WOULD BE…

Working as a professor or as a tour guide to exotic locales.

MOST INFLUENTIAL BOOK:

The Little Prince by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, Once a Runner by John L. Parker, and religious texts.

FAVORITE CAUSE:

Parkinson's Disease.

FAVORITE MOVIE:

Swingers, Paris Je T'aime, and Top Gun.

FAVORITE RESTAURANT:

Town Hall.

FAVORITE WAY TO SPEND FREE TIME:

Outdoors. Running. Paul also does a lot of service at church.

WHAT BOOK ARE YOU READING RIGHT NOW?

World History for Dummies by Peter Haugen and The Art of Cross-Examination by Francis Wellman.

DO YOU TWEET?

No.

WHAT'S ON YOUR IPOD?

The Cult, British and French Pop, some classical.

WHAT IS SOMETHING MOST PEOPLE DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU?

That I spent two summers working at Chuck E. Cheese's.

LAST PLACE YOU VACATIONED:

Paul took a road trip to Southern California with friends to go to the beach.