

Paul Mogin

Paul Mogin has litigated criminal and civil cases at Williams & Connolly LLP in Washington, D.C. for more than 35 years. He graduated from Harvard Law School in 1980 and later clerked for Judge Henry J. Friendly of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and Justice Thurgood Marshall. He is a member of the American Law Institute and the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. Some of his articles include *Fundamental Since Our Country's Founding: United States v. Auernheimer and the Sixth Amendment Right To Be Tried in the District in Which the Alleged Crime Was Committed*, 6 U. Denv. Crim. L. Rev. 37 (2016); *The Rule of Lenity Redivivus: New Interest in an Old Doctrine*, The Champion, Sept./Oct. 2015, p. 40; *The Willfulness Element of a False Statement Charge*, The Champion, Sept./Oct. 2012, p. 38; *The Property-Rights Limitation in Mail and Wire Fraud Cases*, The Champion, Apr. 2008, p. 24; and *Why Judges, Not Juries, Should Set Punitive Damages*, 65 U. Chicago L. Rev. 179 (1998).

Mr. Mogin argued and won *Cleveland v. United States*, 531 U.S. 12 (2000). In that case, the Supreme Court held that a scheme to obtain a state or municipal license or permit is not a scheme to obtain "property" punishable under the mail fraud statute. The Court also held that where "property" is the alleged object of the scheme, the object of the fraud must be "property" in the victim's hands. More recently, Mr. Mogin argued and won a case in the Sixth Circuit on behalf of a state legislator who had been convicted under the wire fraud and false statements statutes.