

Paul J. Leighton

Paul was born in Manhattan, Kansas, graduated from high school in Omaha, Nebraska, and moved to Sioux City, Iowa, in 1978 to begin his career as an attorney with MidAmerican Energy Company. Following a corporate merger, Paul and his wife, Bev, relocated to Clive in 1991. He currently serves as Vice President, Corporate Secretary & Senior Trading Attorney of MidAmerican. Paul's son, Michael, attends West Des Moines Valley High School. Paul was appointed to the Clive City Council in September 2001, elected to a four-year term in November 2001 and was re-elected in 2005. He was appointed to fill the role of mayor pro-tem in 2006.

Education

Paul received his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Nebraska - Lincoln and has a masters in business administration degree from the University of South Dakota.

Professional Associations

Paul is a member of the Iowa State and Polk County Bar Associations.

Civic and Community

Prior to his service on the Clive City Council, Paul served on the Clive Board of Adjustment, the Clive Budget Committee and the Clive Capital Planning Committee. He has also been active in and held leadership positions with a number of civic and community organizations, including the Clive Chamber of Commerce, Country Club Owners' Association, Greater Des Moines Partnership, Iowa Council of Foundations, Iowa Historical Foundation and Living History Farms.

Paul has represented the city on the Metro Waste Authority board of directors since 2001 and served as chair from 2006 through 2007. He also serves on the Metro Advisory Council legislative affairs committee.