

= Dan Paul =

Daniel " Dan " Perkins Smith Paul ( July 22 , 1924 ? January 24 , 2010 ) was an American attorney best known for arguing the landmark case *Miami Herald Publishing Co. v. Tornillo* before the Supreme Court of the United States . The decision established the principle that government could not force a newspaper to publish content .

Paul was born in Jacksonville , Florida , grew up in Daytona , Florida , and was educated at Harvard University , receiving degrees in law and public administration . Setting up practice in Miami , Florida , he specialized in First Amendment and environmental law . His clients included the Miami Dolphins of American football and newspapers such as *The Miami Herald* and the *Wall Street Journal* . For his active role in city politics , Paul was nicknamed " the father of Metro " . On June 13 , 2015 supporters led by *Emerge Miami* , the *Urban Environment League* and *New Tropics* named a four ( 4 ) acre Biscayne Bay waterfront site after Dan Paul . The site , owned by Miami @-@ Dade County , was formerly called Parcel B and in 1996 the Miami Heat had promised to turn the site into a public park including a mini @-@ soccer field . Supporters , now including several elected officials , demand the County force the Heat to honor its promise . The site will now be called the Dan Paul park . ( 16 )

= = Early life = =

Dan Paul was born in Jacksonville , Florida on July 22 , 1924 , to Henry Paul , a pharmacist , and Cornelia Smith Paul , a county tax collector . After growing up in Daytona , he attended Harvard University , receiving a law degree in 1948 and a master 's degree in public administration in 1949 .

= = Legal career = =

Paul began to practice in Miami , Florida in 1949 with the firm of Loftin , Anderson , Scott , McCarthy and Preston . In 1954 he formed a partnership with Francis Sams , specializing in corporate law . Over the next decade , he established himself as one of Miami 's most prominent attorneys . In 1966 , the *Miami News* called him " Dade 's knight " and wrote of him that " the name Dan Paul comes up in so many civic controversies that it is hard to keep up with him " . Paul eventually became known as " the father of Metro " .

In 1967 , a suit filed by Paul against a plan to reapportion and expand the Florida Legislature reached the US Supreme Court . The Court struck down the plan . Paul stated that he had filed the suit because " it would greatly hurt the future of Florida to let the Legislature grow to such monstrous proportions that we would cease to have effective government . "

One of Paul 's specialties was environmental law , and he represented the National Audubon Society in a late @-@ 1960s lawsuit to stop an airport from being constructed in the Florida Everglades , a protected region of subtropical wetlands . He also acted as a parks activist , protesting the removal of sidewalks designed by Brazilian architect Roberto Burle Marx . Paul played a major role in amending Miami 's city code to block the construction of buildings within fifty feet of the shore .

Paul worked for a time in partnership with Parker Thomson in one of the most prominent legal practices in Miami , Paul and Thomson . By the end of their practice , 28 percent of Paul and Thomson 's time was devoted to pro bono work . However , the partners split acrimoniously in 1983 . In the 1970s and ' 80s , Paul also acted as general counsel for the Miami Dolphins of American football .

In 2001 , Harvard established a professorship in his name at the John F. Kennedy School of Government .

= = = First Amendment law = = =

Paul represented the *Miami Herald* for more than three decades , as well as working for the New

York Times , Wall Street Journal , and NBC . James Goodale , a First Amendment specialist , described Paul after his death as " an important figure in freedom @-@ of @-@ press matters nationally and particularly in Florida ... In Florida , in particular , he was a leader in resisting subpoenas for reporters ' sources . "

Paul is best known for acting as the chief lawyer for the Herald in *Miami Herald Publishing Co. v. Tornillo* , a 1974 US Supreme Court case . In the case , a political candidate , Pat Tornillo Jr . , had requested that the Herald print his rebuttal to an editorial criticizing him , citing Florida 's " right @-@ to @-@ reply " law , which mandated that newspapers print such responses . The Herald challenged the law , and the case was appealed to the Supreme Court .

The Court unanimously overturned the Florida statute under the Press Freedom Clause of the First Amendment , ruling that " Governmental compulsion on a newspaper to publish that which ' reason ' tells it should not be published is unconstitutional . " The decision showed the limitations of a 1969 decision , *Red Lion Broadcasting Co. v. Federal Communications Commission* ? in which a similar " Fairness Doctrine " had been upheld for radio and television ? establishing that broadcast and print media had different Constitutional protections . The decision is considered a landmark in First Amendment law .

= = Personal life = =

Paul never married . For hobbies , he enjoyed tennis , speedboating , and waterskiing .

On January 9 , 1980 , Paul was attacked by an 18 @-@ year @-@ old guest , Bradley Schlegel , at his home in Star Island . Schlegel stabbed Paul in the face , chest , arms , and back , and Paul subsequently underwent plastic surgery to repair the wounds . Schlegel was charged with attempted murder , possession of a weapon , and attempted robbery . He initially contended that Paul had made aggressive sexual advances to him , prompting him to stab Paul in self @-@ defense . Schlegel later pleaded no contest to a charge of aggravated battery .

Paul died at his home in Miami on January 24 , 2010 , of Parkinson 's disease .