

**Paul M. Rivard**

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Paul brings a unique combination of experience as the former Chief Legal Officer of a clinical-stage pharmaceutical company and a former patent examiner, in addition to more than twenty years of experience in private practice. He concentrates on counseling in intellectual property matters including risk assessment, domestic and foreign patent preparation and prosecution, and post-grant proceedings before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board. Over his career, Paul has worked with clients ranging from startups to Fortune 100 companies, principally in the life sciences, chemical and consumer products industries. His practice primarily focuses on small molecule therapeutics, including synthetic cannabinoid analogs, and he also has considerable experience in agricultural sciences including tobacco and cannabis products and processing techniques.

Paul is experienced in managing client's patent portfolios with a key focus on aligning prosecution strategies with business objectives. As an example, he currently handles global patent preparation and prosecution activities for drug development company as well as drafting technology transfer agreements for the company's thriving licensing program.

Throughout his career, Paul has spoken and written on several IP topics, examples of which include:

- Preparation for and Management of IP Due Diligence in Life Science Transactions, IP Forum for Life Sciences, Huntington Beach, CA (Dec. 2022)
- Patent Obviousness in the Wake of KSR International Co. v. Teleflex Inc, American Bar Association (2010)

**Education**

Clarkson University  
1992, B.S., Chemical Engineering

Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law  
1998, J.D., *Cum Laude*

**Admissions****Bar Admissions**

1998, Virginia  
1999, District of Columbia  
2021, Florida

**Court Admissions**

District of Columbia Court of Appeals  
Supreme Court of the United States  
Supreme Court of Virginia  
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit  
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

#### Practices

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Counseling, Opinions + Licensing  
Patent Interferences  
PTAB Litigation  
Patent Prosecution

#### Industries

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Chemistry + Chemical Engineering  
Life Sciences + Pharmaceuticals

#### Affiliations/Memberships

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The Federalist Society  
Tampa Bay Catholic Lawyers Guild

#### Recent News + Events + Related Publications

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##### **EVENT - 07.17.24**

**Paul Rivard Highlights the Importance of Ethics and Confidentiality at Cristo Rey Summer Business Training Program**