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Paul Havel, a partner, joined Miller Nash in 2000. He is a member of the firm’s Intellectual Property team and leads the firm’s alcoholic beverage team. Paul has developed particular acumen in representing the business interests of craft breweries, cideries, and distilleries. He assists alcoholic beverage companies in a variety of areas including trademark protection and branding, intellectual property enforcement and dispute resolution, general business transactions, distribution agreements, business formation, raising funds, strategic planning, and risk management.

Paul practices in the areas of domestic and international intellectual property counseling, licensing, dispute resolution, and prosecution. He manages domestic and international trademark portfolios, including trademark clearance, filing and prosecution of federal and state trademark applications, maintenance of registrations, and coordination with and supervision of international counsel for application filings, maintenance of registrations, and dispute resolution. Paul represents clients before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board (TTAB), as well as in administrative proceedings involving internet domain names. He also provides a full range of services for intellectual property acquisition, sale, and licensing transactions, including negotiation and drafting of agreements, and managing due diligence.

In the technology area, Paul negotiates, drafts, and provides advice concerning software licensing, software and website development, and other technology and internet-based agreements.

Paul holds a courtesy appointment to the faculty of the University of Oregon School of Law, where he co-teaches a course on transactional business practice.

Professional Activities

- Multnomah Bar Association, Member
- King County Bar Association, Member
- Oregon State Bar
 - Intellectual Property Section, Past Executive Committee Member
- Washington State Bar Association, Member
- International Trademark Association (INTA), Member
 - INTA Leadership Development Committee, 2014-present
- Oregon Brewers Guild, Member

Education

J.D., Chicago-Kent College of Law, 1996

B.A., Denison University, political science

Bar Admissions

Washington, 1999
Oregon, 1998

- Washington Brewers Guild, Member
- Brewers Association, Member
- Northwest Cider Association, Member
- Beverage Industry Networking Group (B.I.N.G.), Member
- Multilaw, Intellectual Property and Information Technology practice group, Co-chair, 2016-present
- University of Oregon Law School Transactions Lab, Courtesy Professor
- Portland State Business of Craft Brewing, Guest Lecturer
- University of Washington—Tacoma Craft Beer Certification Programs, Guest Lecturer

Civic Activities

- Camp Fire USA Portland Metro Council
 - Board of Directors
 - Past President

Presentations

- “Protecting Your Intellectual Property: Legal Dos, Don’ts, and Tips,” Miller Nash Graham & Dunn, Breakfast Roundtable series (Oct. 2019)
- “The Psychology of Mediation: Analyzing How Parties Negotiate,” International Trademark Association, 140th Annual Meeting (May 2018)
- “Meet the Legal Expert: Roundtable Discussion,” Craft Brewers Conference (May 2018)
- “Trademarks and the Craft Beer Industry,” State Bar of Michigan Intellectual Property Section and Institute of Continuing Education, Intellectual Property Law Spring Seminar (Mar. 2017)
- “Protecting Your Intellectual Property,” Miller Nash Graham & Dunn, Breakfast Roundtable series (Mar. 2017)
- “Protecting Your Intellectual Property,” Miller Nash Graham & Dunn, Breakfast Roundtable series (Feb. 2017)
- “Trademarks and the Craft Beer Industry: Can Craft Breweries Maintain Their Collaborative Nature as the Industry Grows and Trademark Disputes Become the Norm?” International Trademark Association, Leadership Conference (Nov. 2016)
- “Craft Beer Trademark Wars and the New Reality - How Did We Get Here and Can We Learn Anything From the Past?” Pennsylvania Bar Institute, 10th Annual Intellectual Property Law Institute (Apr. 2016)
- “Food & Beverage CEO Roundtable,” Portland Business Journal (Apr. 2015)
- “Trademarks & Intellectual Property,” Kona Brewers Festival (Mar. 2015)
- “Cloud Computing Contracts from the Client Perspective,” Oregon State Bar, Intellectual Property Section’s Monthly IP Brown Bag CLE (July 2013)
- “Protecting Your Intellectual Property—Legal Dos, Don’ts, and Tips,” Miller Nash, Breakfast Roundtable series (Oct. 2009)

Recognition & Honors

- Selected for inclusion as an Oregon Super Lawyer, 2021-present
- Recognized as a “Leader in Their Field” by *Chambers USA* for Intellectual Property—Oregon, 2022-present
- Recognized as a “Notable Practitioner” by *Chambers USA* in Intellectual Property—Oregon, 2020
- Selected for inclusion in the WTR 1000 by the *World Trademark Review*, 2020-present
- Selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® (Portland, OR)
 - Trademark Law, 2018-present

Personal Activities

Paul enjoys many outdoor activities, including photography, golf, skiing, and hiking.