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Paul advises clients on complex litigation and regulatory matters and provides comprehensive counsel on all aspects of electronic discovery. He also provides strategic guidance on information governance and litigation preparedness, ensuring clients maintain defensible policies and are well positioned to defend challenges to their data practices. Paul is experienced in negotiating electronically stored information (ESI) protocols and protective orders, creating tailored collection and review strategies, and defending discovery disputes. He is a trusted partner for navigating discovery in high-stakes matters, with a particular focus on privacy, data protection and artificial intelligence matters.

Paul draws on his many years of experience as an in-house attorney for Google, where he managed discovery across a large docket of patent, regulatory investigations and antitrust matters and helped develop, draft and maintain corporate practices across the data life cycle.

Paul also was part of Google's planning committee, previously serving as co-director of the company's OC LEAD (Outside Counsel Leadership, Education, Advancement, Diversity) mentoring program, a collaboration with Cooley that partners outside counsel attorneys with in-house counsel mentors. In 2021, the program won the Innovations in Diversity and Inclusion award as part of the inaugural Legalweek Leaders in Tech Law Awards.

Education

University of California College of the Law, San Francisco
JD, 2010

University of California, Berkeley
BA, 2005

Admissions & Credentials

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Memberships & Affiliations

California Minority Counsel Program (CMCP) board