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Paul practices in all areas of intellectual property (IP), with particular emphasis on patentability evaluations, patent prosecution, post-grant challenges, and related opinion work in the chemical area and licensing. He works closely with clients to identify protectable IP and provides practical advice to clients on protection of their IP and building and management of global IP portfolios. His areas of focus include inorganic materials, nanomaterials, inorganic/organic polymers, organometallic/coordination compounds, catalysts, biomaterials, biosensing technologies, pharmaceuticals (including small molecules and delivery methods), chemical processes, analytical methods, and food chemistry.

Prior to law school, Paul worked as a researcher in the Department of Chemical Engineering at the Georgia Institute of Technology, concentrating on polymers and materials for advanced microelectronics applications. He also worked as a chemist/process engineer for an international manufacturer of specialty chemicals and materials. Paul is an inventor of eight granted U.S. patents.

Honors

- Listed, *Upstate New York Super Lawyers* Rising Stars, 2013 - 2018
- American Bar Association and Bureau of National Affairs Award for Excellence in Intellectual Property
- Former associate editor, *Buffalo Intellectual Property Law Journal*

Experience

Paul has extensive experience in evaluations of relevant intellectual property and preparing freedom-to-operate opinions. He has also worked with many clients in the chemical and life sciences areas on identifying and protecting IP. He does this through regular meetings with clients, ensuring evaluations are made at early stages of technology development, and strategies for protection are designed to best suit the particular technology.

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Trade Secrets & Non-Disclosure Agreements

Admissions

New York
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Education

Canisius College, B.S., Chemistry
University at Buffalo, Ph.D., Chemistry
University at Buffalo School of Law,

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For a Canadian client interested in bringing a known consumable food additive into the United States, a Hodgson Russ intellectual property team evaluated a large number of relevant patents related to the process of preparation of that additive. The team then provided a freedom-to-operate opinion, based on which the client was able to proceed with its plans for preparing the product in Canada and bringing it into the United States for sale.

J.D., magna cum laude

The Hodgson Russ Intellectual Property & Technology Team successfully assisted the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES) in obtaining a U.S. Patent for a chemical formula treatment for epilepsy. The medical research project that led to this discovery was spearheaded by Dr. Patrice Jackson-Ayotunde, Ph.D., an Associate Professor of Pharmaceutical Sciences at UMES. 65 million people suffer from epilepsy and one in 26 Americans will be diagnosed at some point in their lifetime. Dr. Jackson-Ayotunde focused her research regarding the design and synthesis of novel anticonvulsant analogs as potential agents for treatment of therapy-resistant partial epilepsy.

A Hodgson Russ intellectual property team of attorneys evaluated several relevant patents for a new product developed for the food industry. Based upon this, our attorneys provided a freedom-to-operate opinion that allowed the client to move forward with development of the new product for the market without requiring any license from patent holders.

In the News

Hodgson Russ Assists UMES In Securing U.S. Patent For Epilepsy Drug
May 9, 2018

Eight Hodgson Russ Attorneys Newly Admitted to New York State Bar
March 25, 2008

Press Releases

Paul J. Roman Jr. Ph.D. Joins Hodgson Russ LLP
October 31, 2023

Sixty-One Hodgson Russ Attorneys Named to 2018 Upstate New York Super
Lawyers
Press Release, August 20, 2018



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Seventy Hodgson Russ Attorneys Named to 2017 Upstate New York Super Lawyers, Hugh Russ Listed Among Top 50
Press Release, September 6, 2017

Sixty-three Hodgson Russ Attorneys Named to 2016 Upstate New York Super Lawyers, Hugh Russ Listed Among Top 50
Press Release, August 31, 2016

Hodgson Russ Announces Six Newly Elected Partners *Twelve Attorneys Promoted to Senior Associate*
Press Release, January 11, 2016

Sixty-Four Hodgson Russ Attorneys Named to 2015 Upstate New York Super Lawyers, Hugh Russ Listed Among Top 50
Press Release, August 19, 2015

63 Hodgson Russ Attorneys Named to *Super Lawyers* Listing
Press Release, August 14, 2014

Seventy Hodgson Russ Attorneys Named to *Super Lawyers* Listing
August 2013

Publications

The Battle After *Warhol*: Tattoos as Artwork or Infringement?
Hodgson Russ Intellectual Property Litigation Alert, April 24, 2024

AI Lawsuit May Eclipse Claims of Fair Use
Hodgson Russ Intellectual Property Litigation Alert, April 5, 2024

Music Copyrights on a Roll – Read and Listen to Hear the Latest
Hodgson Russ Intellectual Property Litigation Alert, October 6, 2023

First Action Interview Program to Discontinue in the New Year
Hodgson Russ Intellectual Property & Technology Alert, January 7, 2021

Update on CARES Act Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Higher Education Students
Hodgson Russ College & University Alert, July 31, 2020

New COVID-19 Pilot Program and Extensions for Patents and Trademarks
Hodgson Russ Intellectual Property Alert, May 8, 2020

U.S. Supreme Court Holds Plaintiffs Not Required to Prove Willful Trademark Infringement to Recover Profits
Hodgson Russ Intellectual Property Litigation Alert, April 27, 2020

Presentations & Events

Legal Update for Colleges and Universities
Hodgson Russ, New York, NY, October 24, 2012

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Update: America Invents Act
Hodgson Russ, New York, NY, February 7, 2012

Cornell University Center for Technology Enterprise and Commercialization Seminar: The Art of Chemical Patenting
Ithaca, NY, April 20, 2010

Professional Affiliations

- American Intellectual Property Law Association

Community & Pro Bono

Paul is a member of the Buffalo Museum of Science board of managers

