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Brian J. Paul is a Senior Associate in the Tampa office of Shutts & Bowen LLP, where he is a member of the Intellectual Property practice group. A registered patent attorney, Brian is admitted to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) and has earned recognition in Best Lawyers in America®: Ones to Watch and Florida Super Lawyers: Rising Star. He also serves on the Executive Council of the Florida Bar Business Law Section, where he holds the position of Chair of the Computer Law and Technology Committee.

Brian's practice focuses on technology-related intellectual property matters, including patent and trademark prosecution, as well as intellectual property transactions and litigation. He provides counsel on due diligence, investigations, licensing, and issues related to unfair competition.

Holding a degree in Biomedical Science from the University of South Florida, Brian has extensive experience in a wide range of technology sectors, including medical devices, life sciences, mechanical arts, health systems, software, security technology, automotive technology, agricultural technology, and consumer products. He has also prepared and prosecuted patent applications for one of the world's largest medical device manufacturers.

During law school, Brian was an advocate in the Veterans Law Institute, where he successfully argued a case before the Board of Veterans' Appeals, resulting in a service-related disability compensation award for his client. He also served as a Technology Transfer Extern at the University of South Florida, where he conducted detailed licensing analysis to identify potential licensing opportunities for University-sponsored patents and copyrights.

Practice Areas

Intellectual Property

Brian J. Paul

Accolades

- Florida *Super Lawyers*: Rising Star, Intellectual Property, 2024, 2025
- *Best Lawyers in America*®: Ones to Watch
 - Litigation - Intellectual Property, 2025, 2026
 - Intellectual Property Law, 2026
 - Patent Law, 2026

Education

- Stetson University College of Law, J.D., 2019
 - Highest Grade Designation in Patent Law, Fall 2018
 - Joseph J. Reiter Scholarship, Spring 2018
 - Business Law Society, Secretary
 - Student Bar Association, Social Chair
 - Guardian ad Litem, Child Advocate
- University of South Florida, B.S., Biomedical Sciences, 2016

Bar Admissions

Florida

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida

Professional and Civic

- Member, Business Law Section of The Florida Bar
 - Computer Law and Technology Committee
 - Chair (2025)
 - First Vice Chair (2024 - 2025)
- Tampa Connection, Class of 2024