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Paul S. Thaler is a partner at Thaler Liebeler, LLP and practices in the area of general civil litigation. In 1996, he co-founded Thaler Liebeler, LLP, now a seven-person law firm based in Washington, D.C. His specialties include litigating matters in business law and the representation of scientists accused of research misconduct. Mr. Thaler has appeared in most of the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area courts, both state and federal, as well as numerous federal courts across the country, defending and prosecuting claims for, among other things, breach of commercial contracts, theft of trade secrets, copyright infringement, unlawful discrimination, wrongful termination, workplace violence, and divorce.

In 2000, Mr. Thaler successfully litigated a case of first impression in the Commonwealth of Virginia concerning the ownership of an Internet domain name.

Mr. Thaler is a nationally-recognized expert in scientific misconduct matters. He has assisted scientists in many states including cases in California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Florida, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, New York, North Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Washington, as well as Canada and has become well-known in the scientific community for obtaining successful results for his clients.

In 2013, Mr. Thaler was asked to speak at the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference for the Office of Research Integrity (ORI), the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services office charged with investigating allegations of scientific misconduct in publicly-funded research. He was the only lawyer in private practice who presented to the conference.

Mr. Thaler has received an "AV" rating from Martindale-Hubbell, the highest rating of legal ability and ethics given to attorneys in the United States. The rating was the result of an extensive and confidential peer review by members of the Bar, including local judges. He has been included in Washington, D.C. and Baltimore's *Top Rated Lawyers*.

Mr. Thaler has provided private ADR services since 1992, specializing in mediation of business, employment and family disputes. He has been a mediator appointed by the Superior Court of the District of Columbia since 1992 and has mediated or arbitrated hundreds of matters, most notably a successful mediation spanning 6-months between a local university and its neighbors concerning a new school building. He has been interviewed in numerous national publications, appeared on network television and testified before the Maryland General Assembly concerning ADR.

Since 2009, Mr. Thaler has served as an arbitrator on the D.C. Bar's Attorney/Client Arbitration Board ("ACAB"), Fee Arbitration Service. The ACAB arbitrates fee disputes and malpractice claims between clients and their lawyers.

Since 1994, Mr. Thaler has been a regular guest lecturer on the subjects of negotiation and mediation at the George Washington University Law School. He is also an adjunct professor at American University's Kogod School of Business, teaching courses in Business Ethics and Business Law since 1999.

Mr. Thaler, as a member of the American Bar Association Section of Dispute Resolution, served as Vice Chair of the Ethics Committee, 1994-98. His biography appears in *Who's Who in the World*, *Who's Who in American Law*, *Who's Who in America* and *Who's Who in Finance and Industry*.

Mr. Thaler is a fifth-generation Washingtonian and graduated from St. Albans School (Washington, D.C.) in 1979. He received his A.B. from Vassar College in 1983 and his J.D. from Georgetown University in 1987. He is a member of the Washington, D.C. and Maryland bars. Mr. Thaler is also admitted to the United States Supreme Court; the U.S. Circuit Courts for the Fourth, Federal and D.C. Circuits; the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, the District of Maryland; and the Court of International Trade.

Mr. Thaler has served as an appointed member representative of the Montgomery County (Md.) BRAC Implementation Committee (2007-2011)(addressing the impact of the Walter Reed Hospital closure and move to Bethesda Naval Medical Center); Vice-chair of the Coalition of Military Medical Center Neighbors (2007- 2011); a member of the Board of Trustees for the National Child Research Center (Washington, D.C.) (1998-2001); an appointed member of the Vassar College Fund Advisory Committee (1996-99); and as Treasurer and a member of the Board of Directors for the Montgomery Highlands Estates Homeowners Association (Silver Spring, Md.) (1990 - 1999). Mr. Thaler also proudly served as a coach and assistant coach for numerous baseball, basketball, football and soccer teams (1998-2011) as well as the stadium announcer for the Walter Johnson High School Wildcats junior varsity football team (2008-2009).

Mr. Thaler lives with his wife, Melinda, and their two children, Rachel and Daniel, in Bethesda, Maryland.