



**Paula Kasler**  
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Current Business: ..... Kasler Law  
Current Title: ..... Principal

**Professional Background**

Paula is a lawyer with over 20 years of experience counseling life sciences companies, for the most part as in house legal counsel. She started her career in the life sciences with Syntex Corporation where she counseled the animal health, diagnostics and chemicals divisions, as well as human pharmaceutical subsidiaries in Canada, South America, Asia and Australia. When Roche acquired Syntex in the early 1990's, Paula worked on the divestiture of a number of Syntex companies and business assets valued in the hundreds of millions of dollars. Paula joined the Silicon Valley office of the law firm of Heller Ehrman LLP as Special Counsel in its Life Sciences practice, counseling a wide variety of pharma, biotech and medical device companies. Paula was General Counsel for Health Hero Network, Inc. (now Bosch Healthcare), a privately held telehealth company that developed, manufactured and marketed medical devices and software for remote patient monitoring. For many years, Paula served as Vice President – Legal, Commercial and Regulatory at Nektar Therapeutics (formerly Inhale Therapeutics Systems, Inc.), where she was responsible for all of the company's business transactions and other legal matters.

Since 2007, Paula has been in private practice and her clients include a variety of biotech, pharma, drug delivery, medical device, genomics and instrumentation companies. She provides her clients - who range from individual entrepreneurs seeking their first rounds of funding, to established publicly traded companies with commercial products - with general counseling in all areas, and focuses on business transactions that support the development, manufacture and commercialization of their products.

Paula received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Cornell University, College of Arts and Sciences, where she graduated with Distinction in All Subjects and is a member of Phi Beta Kappa. She received her Juris Doctor degree from Berkeley School of Law.

Paula is admitted to practice law in the State of California. Paula also serves on the Board of Directors of the Green Environmental Foundation, a non-profit organization seeking to raise awareness and educate about environmental issues in China. Paula joined the WIB Board of Directors in 2013, where she provides strategic guidance and legal counsel and helps drive partnering relationships with external organizations.