



## R. Paul Stimers

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### OVERVIEW

Paul Stimers focuses his policy advocacy efforts on matters related to emerging technologies, such as commercial spaceflight, IT, and quantum technology, and advises a wide range of companies and industry associations in pursuing legislation and representing their interests before Congress and federal agencies.

As policy counsel to several major commercial spaceflight companies and the leading industry association for commercial spaceflight, Paul has been active in helping the industry grow quickly and safely, while continuing to support a strong role for NASA in space exploration. He has addressed a wide variety of areas of space law and policy, including: licensing and permitting of launch and reentry; liability, insurance, and indemnification; property rights in space; manufacturing and resource utilization in space; air and space traffic management; and debris mitigation.

In the field of information technology policy, Paul works with software companies and industry associations to ensure data and network security without restricting technological development. He has helped manage industry-wide efforts to prevent technology mandates while improving security. He has also assisted companies in developing privacy policies that protect consumers' personal information while enabling new products and services. He was actively involved in matters relating to Internet governance during the transition of DNS authority. He founded and leads the Quantum Industry Coalition, a group of quantum computing, communications, and cryptography companies working to advance U.S. leadership in the field.

In addition to his work with emerging technologies, Paul works extensively with nonprofit organizations addressing the needs of the world's poorest people. He helped to pass the Water for the Poor Act of 2005, which created a framework for the United States to help provide millions of people with sustainable access to safe drinking water and sanitation, and the Water for the World Act of 2014, which further expanded U.S. efforts to improve access. Since 2005, he has helped direct more than \$1.5 billion toward providing water and sanitation to those who need it most. He also advises organizations supporting funding for broader U.S. poverty-focused development assistance.

Paul was listed among the "40 Under 40: K Street's New Generation of Lobbyists" by The Washingtonian.

He was nationally ranked by *Chambers USA 2015* under "Government: Government Relations (Up and Coming)."

Paul is a member of the Executive Committee of the Greater Washington Board of Trade.

## SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker, “Applied Quantum Computing for Today's Military,” ATARC, 28 December 2021
- Interview, “Profiting from the Great Space Reboot,” George Gilder's Moonshots, 4 December 2020
- Moderator, “EVX: Artemis - Return to the Moon,” Escape Velocity, Webinar, 29 July 2020
- Keynote Speaker, “Quantum Cyber Webinar,” ACT-IAC, Webinar, 24 June 2020
- Radio Interview, “Paul Stimers--K&L Gates Adviser to industry on space, and more,” The Workforce Show (WERA 96.7 FM), Washington, D.C., 20 May 2019
- Podcast Interview, “Episode 38: A Quantum Leap Forward,” The Chertoff Group Podcast, Washington, D.C., 6 May 2019
- Interview, “NanoBusiness Commercialization Association (NanoBCA),” Washington, D.C., April 2019
- Speaker, “Artificial Intelligence and Quantum Technology: Implications for U.S. National Security,” Hudson Institute, Washington, D.C., 2 April 2019
- Moderator, “Returning to the Moon,” Escape Velocity 2018, National Harbor, MD, 25 May 2018
- Speaker, “Space Law - Near-Earth Objects: Properties, Detection, Resources, Impacts and Defending Earth,” Munich, Germany, 15 and 29 May 2018
- Speaker, “Quantum Computing and U.S. Competitiveness,” Advanced Computing Roundtable, Washington, D.C., 11 April 2018
- Speaker, “Space Basics: Satellites, Asteroid Mining, and More,” ABA Forum on Air and Space Law: 2017 Update Conference, Washington, D.C., 24 February 2017
- Speaker, “Policy Measures in Support of Asteroid Mining and Resource Extraction in the Solar System,” Dupont Summit 2016 on Science, Technology, and Environmental Policy Issues, Washington, D.C., 2 December 2016
- Speaker, “Government & Industry Viewpoints,” 11th Annual Eilene M. Galloway Symposium on Critical Issues in Space Law, Washington, D.C., 7 December 2016
- Speaker, “The U.S. Commercial Space Launch Competitiveness Act,” The Law and Economics of Space Policy, Arlington VA, 15 October 2016
- Speaker, “What Does the Commercial Space Industry Need to Take Flight?,” The Law and Economics of Space Policy, Arlington VA, 15 October 2016
- Speaker, “What You Should Know About Social Media Even If You Don't Tweet,” Women in Housing and Finance, Washington DC, 6 February 2014

- Speaker, "Hill Days vs. District Fly-Ins," Association of Government Relations Professionals, Washington, D.C., 19 February 2014
- Moderator, "Air and Space Traffic Management in the National Airspace System," ABA Forum on Air & Space Law, New York City, 27 September 2013
- Moderator, "Promoting the Innovation Economy" Forum at the National Press Club, hosted by the Coalition of Small Business Innovators, 12 December 2013

## EDUCATION

- J.D., Harvard Law School, 2002
- B.A., University of Washington, 1998 (*summa cum laude*, *Truman Scholar*, *Phi Beta Kappa*)
- M.P.A., Harvard University, 2002 (*Kennedy School of Government*)

## ADMISSIONS

- Bar of District of Columbia
- Bar of Virginia

## THOUGHT LEADERSHIP POWERED BY HUB

- 10 November 2020, Election Briefing: Technology Outlook (*Webinar*)
- 13 October 2020, Looking Ahead: President Trump's Potential Second Term Policy Agenda (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 21 April 2020, More Federal Interest in Private Fusion: DOE Seeks Input on Possible Cost Share Program to Support Private Fusion Energy Companies (*BlogPost*)
- 3 March 2020, Overview of Policy and Technical Progress in Fusion Energy Development Around the World (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 22 May 2019, Policy Changes Highlight Contrasting National Security Acquisition Goals (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 20 May 2019, Congressional Investigations 101: Practice, Practice, Practice. (*Podcast*)
- 18 January 2019, Cleared to Land: Aviation Newsletter
- 9 January 2019, The National Quantum Initiative Act: A Bid for U.S. Quantum Leadership (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 12 October 2018, Invigorated Federal Interest in Fusion Energy Presents Opportunities and Questions for Growing Private Fusion Energy Sector (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 18 August 2016, White House Initiatives Look Toward the Future of Civilian Drone Technology (*Alerts/Updates*)

- 1 June 2016, Two Visions for UAS Policy, Two Opportunities to Shape the Future Regulatory Landscape (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 17 February 2016, Transformational FAA Proposal Taxis for Takeoff (*Alerts/Updates*)

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- "One Spoonful of Dirt Could Transform Space Exploration," *The Orlando Sentinel*, 5 October 2020
- "The Artemis Accords: A Shared Framework for Space Exploration," *The Space Review*, 8 September 2020
- "The President's Space Resources Executive Order: A Step in the Right Direction," *The Space Review*, 20 April 2020
- "The U.S. National Quantum Initiative," *IEEE Computer*, October 2019
- Pratt's Energy Law Report, *LexisNexis*, February 2019
- "Politics stops at the atmosphere's edge," *The Hill*, 9 December 2015
- "One Small Step for Man, One Giant Leap for Law," *The Wall Street Journal*, 6 December 2015
- "The Sky's the Limit With Commercial Space Flight Law," *Corporate Counsel*, 27 August 2015
- "Pro Bono 2010: K&L Gates Turns on Water Works," *The AmLaw Daily*, 30 July 2010

## NEWS & EVENTS

- 20 May 2015, Chambers USA 2015 Guide Recognizes K&L Gates, Lawyers as Industry Leaders (*Press Release*)

## MEDIA MENTIONS

- Mentioned, "To Protect Lead in Space, US Should Not Emulate China, Expert Warns," *Newsmax*, 30 June 2021
- Quoted, "Lobbyists Count Down to Lift-Off of Commercial Spaceflight," *Bloomberg BNA*, June 2016

## AREAS OF FOCUS

- Public Policy and Law
- U.S. National Security Law and Policy

## INDUSTRIES

- Aerospace

- Manufacturing
- Space
- Transportation and Logistics