



## Ernest (Pat) Shriver

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Pat is a corporate, transactional and intellectual property attorney, focusing on small to medium sized privately-held businesses. Pat's practice includes advising clients on choice of entity, general corporate and partnership matters, commercial matters (contract drafting, review and advice), shareholder and partner relations (shareholder, partnership, and "buy/sell" agreements), securities and other corporate financing, business combination matters (including mergers, asset and stock purchases, and other similar business combinations), and intellectual property issues. Pat also works with regulated and unregulated lenders with regard to commercial lending and financing transactions, including secured and unsecured lending.

In the area of intellectual property, Pat assists clients with trademark and copyright registration and compliance, trademark and copyright licensing, dispute resolution and pre-dispute counseling, Internet law and domain name issues, and trade secret issues. Pat also works with independent patent attorneys for his clients that have patent needs. Pat was named one of Minnesota's "Rising Stars" in the legal profession in 2006 and a Super Lawyer every year since 2009 – a distinction only 5% of attorneys in Minnesota attain. He has also received an AV Peer Review Rating through Martindale-Hubbell.

**Practice Areas:**

- General Corporate & Business
- Banking & Financial Institutions
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Intellectual Property
- Nonprofit & Philanthropic

**Education:**

- University of Minnesota Law School (JD, cum laude, 1997)
- Saint John's University (BA, summa cum laude, 1994)
- Defense Language Institute (Graduate of basic Russian course, 1985)

**State Bar Admissions:**

- State of Minnesota (1997)

**Professional Memberships and Associations:**

- Past Chairman, Business Law Section, Minnesota State Bar Association
- Past Member, International Trademark Association
- Adjunct Professor of Law, University of Minnesota Law School

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**Professional Publications:**

Freeze-Out Mergers and the New Minnesota LLC Act, *Bench & Bar of Minnesota*, December 2017

Top 10 Common Small Business Legal Mistakes, *Upsize Minnesota*, July 2014

Raising Money from the Masses is Set to Get Much Easier, *Upsize Minnesota*, March 2014

Online Services Might do for Some Basics, but Beware for Others, *Upsize Minnesota*, January 2014

How to Safeguard Every Company's Intellectual Property, *Upsize Minnesota*, April/May 2013

Top 10 Things to do Before Starting a Business, *Finance & Commerce*, November 2012

'Crowdfunding' a Boon for Entrepreneurs, If They Clear Regulatory Hurdles, *Finance & Commerce*, June 2012

Five Reasons to Ink Crucial Agreement when Firm is Young, *Upsize Minnesota*, March 2012

Initial Capitalization and Financing/Employee Ownership, *Minnesota Business Law Deskbook* (published by Minnesota Continuing Legal Education), Fall 2010

Doing Business in States Other Than the State of Incorporation (Minnesota Chapter), *Bureau of National Affairs' Corporate Practice Library*, Fall 2006

Separate but Equal: Intellectual Property Importation and the Recent Amendments to Section 337, *Minnesota Journal of Global Trade*, Fall 1996: Volume 5, Number 2

**Professional Presentations:**

*Forming an Entity and Complying with the Professional Responsibility Rules*, March 6, 2009, Minnesota Association of Justice

*The ABCs of LLCs*, Business Law 102, February 25, 2009, August 29, 2006 and October 13, 2004, Minnesota CLE

*Choice of Entity*, October 3, 2008, October 21, 2007, Hennepin County Bar Association

*Find It Free and Fast on the Net: Advanced Internet Strategies for the Minnesota Legal Professional*, June 8, 2005, National Business Institute

*Advanced Issues in Legal Technology for the Minnesota Paralegal*, March 31, 2004, Institute for Paralegal Education

*Minnesota Business Law Update*, May 20, 2003, Minnesota Society of Certified Public Accountants Management & Business Advisors Conference

*Entity Selection*, 2003 Business Law Institute, May 12, 2003, Minnesota CLE

*Internet Strategies for the Paralegal in Minnesota*, September 10, 2002 and February 7, 2001, Institute for Paralegal Education

*The Law of the Internet in Minnesota*, March 12, 2002, National Business Institute  
*Annotated Plan and Agreement of Merger*, 2001 Business Law Institute, April 26, 2001, Minnesota CLE

*Internet Usage Policies*, 9th Annual School Law Conference, November 3, 2000, Minnesota CLE

**Practice Philosophy:**

“As a business attorney, I recognize my role as a counselor to business owners and operators who make numerous critical decisions on a daily basis. Having practiced as a business attorney during my entire legal career, I try to approach business issues with the same viewpoint and the same focus on the end result as my client.”

**The Rest of the Story:**

Pat lives with his two children in Plymouth. He gets satisfaction from supervising student attorneys at the University of Minnesota Law School and lecturing to law students and attorneys. When not practicing law or spending time with his family, Pat enjoys downhill skiing, catching up on movies, in-line skating, and reading about history.