



## Chris Daniel

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**Chris Daniel** is the Founder and Chair of the Global Fintech & Payments Group of Paul Hastings and is a partner in the firm's Corporate department. Chris' unique strength lies in his ability to blend his financial services regulatory expertise with his many years of transactional experience. His client base generally consists of:

- Legacy depositories, payments companies, and card networks who are innovating or contracting with Fintechs.
- Trusted Platform Companies, for which financial services contribute a significant percentage of their business.
- Private equity and venture capital firms investing in and existing outside of Fintech companies, and the ongoing representation of those Fintech portfolio companies.
- Fintech startups as they develop and commercialize their product offerings.
- Cryptocurrency companies along the entire range of crypto offerings from blockchain development to crypto exchanges, DeFi and DApps, and ecosystem development.

Chris regularly practices before every state banking department, all federal banking agencies, FinCEN, and OFAC.

### Accolades and Recognitions

- Chris is the sole lawyer ranked Band 1 in the United States for Fintech Legal: Payments & Lending in the 2018, 2019, and 2020 Chambers Fintech Guides.
- Honored by Daily Report as a Distinguished Leader at the 2019 Georgia Legal Awards.
- Chris is listed as one of the six Leading Lawyers for Fintech in the United States since the launch of the Fintech category in 2019 by

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### Practice Areas

Artificial Intelligence  
Emerging Growth  
Companies  
Fintech and Payments  
Financial Services  
Internet of Things  
Alternative Lender and  
Private Credit  
Privacy and Cybersecurity  
Payment Systems  
Bank Regulatory  
Finance  
Corporate

### Admissions

Georgia Bar

### Education

University of Kentucky,  
College of Law, J.D. 1995  
Wake Forest University,  
B.A. 1987

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Legal500.

- Chris is ranked Band 3 for Financial Services Regulation: Consumer Finance (Compliance) U.S. Nationwide by Chambers.
- Chris has been included each year in the annual listing of The Best Lawyers in America.
- Chris founded and leads our Global Fintech & Payments Practice, which is one of only two Fintech Groups ranked Band 1 in the U.S. for Fintech Legal by Chambers.
- His work was ranked as “standout” and in the top banding category in the “Accessing New Markets and Capital” category in the 2018 Financial Times’ North America Innovative lawyers report for the first ever major legislative victory for cryptocurrency against a regulatory challenge for advising cryptocurrency exchange Coinbase on the passing of a North Carolina state House bill allowing cryptocurrency exchanges to operate due to the fact that cryptocurrency is exempt from traditional money transmission laws.
- His work was “highly commended” in the Financial Times’ North America Innovative Lawyers report in the “Enabling Clients to Innovate” category for helping to launch Samsung Pay on a tight schedule using a strategy that reinvented the way financial services contracts are created and negotiated.

### Education

- University of Kentucky College of Law, J.D., 1995 (magna cum laude, Articles Editor for The Journal of Natural Resources and Environmental Law)
- Previously served in the U.S. Air Force from 1987–1992, where he was an Instructor Pilot for the Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training Program
- Wake Forest University, B.A., 1987 (cum laude, with honors in Economics, Member of the 1986 NCAA Championship Golf Team)

### News

#### December 21, 2020

Paul Hastings Secures Top Rankings in Chambers FinTech Guide 2021

## **Chris Daniel** (Continued)

**July 24, 2020**

Paul Hastings Recognized for Legal Excellence in Legal 500 US 2020

**May 01, 2020**

Paul Hastings Practices and Lawyers Score Top Rankings in Chambers USA 2020

**May 01, 2019**

Paul Hastings Practices and Lawyers Score Top Rankings in Chambers USA 2019

**November 30, 2018**

Paul Hastings Secures Top Rankings in Chambers' FinTech Guide for 2019

**June 25, 2018**

Coinbase Champions Legislative Fix to Keep Cryptocurrency Businesses in N.C.

**May 11, 2018**

Paul Hastings Practices and Lawyers Score Top Rankings in Chambers USA 2018

**June 05, 2017**

Paul Hastings Practices and Lawyers Score Top Rankings in Chambers USA 2017

**June 02, 2017**

GTCR to Acquire Sage Payment Solutions

**April 03, 2017**

Paul Hastings Bolsters Government Relations Capabilities with Hire of K-Street and Congressional Banking Committee Veteran

**December 14, 2016**

New Research by Paul Hastings Shows Non-Cash Payments Across U.S. and UK to Soar by 2026

## **Chris Daniel** (Continued)

**June 08, 2016**

Paul Hastings Practices and Lawyers Score Top Rankings in Chambers USA 2016

**May 20, 2015**

Paul Hastings Practices and Lawyers Score Top Rankings in Chambers USA 2015

**May 27, 2014**

Paul Hastings Practices and Lawyers Score Top Rankings in Chambers USA 2014

**May 13, 2014**

Paul Hastings adds Payments and Financial Services Partner in London

**August 21, 2013**

Paul Hastings Advises Skrill Group in 600 Million Acquisition by CVC Capital Partners

**June 05, 2013**

Paul Hastings Extensive Practice Strength Highlighted in The Legal 500 United States 2013

**May 27, 2013**

Paul Hastings Employment Practice Honored with Chambers "Award for Excellence" and Firms Leading Practices and Lawyers Ranked in Chambers USA 2013

**June 07, 2012**

Paul Hastings Excels in Chambers USA 2012 Guide

**March 27, 2012**

Paul Hastings Represents Monitise plc. on £109m acquisition of Clairmail

**July 21, 2011**

Paul Hastings Strengthens Banking and Payments Practice With Top

## **Chris Daniel** (Continued)

Regulatory Lawyer From Federal Reserve

### **June 10, 2011**

Paul Hastings Excels in Chambers USA 2011 Guide

### **June 01, 2011**

Paul Hastings Soars in 2011 Edition of Legal 500 US

### **June 14, 2010**

Paul Hastings Garners Top Rankings in Chambers USA 2010 Guide

### **January 28, 2008**

Paul Hastings Bolsters Bank Regulatory Practice with the Addition of V. Gerard Comizio to the Washington, D.C. Office

## **Insights**

### **October 23, 2020**

There's a New Sheriff in Town: CCFPL Empowers California's Financial Services Regulator

### **September 17, 2020**

Beware of COVID Relief Fraud

### **July 20, 2020**

Federal Reserve Expands Main Street Lending Program to Nonprofit Organizations and Updates FAQs

### **June 11, 2020**

Federal Reserve Board Revises and Prepares to Open the Main Street Lending Program

### **May 29, 2020**

Fueling Innovation in Times of Crisis: The Impact of COVID-19 on Fintech

### **May 01, 2020**

## **Chris Daniel** (Continued)

COVID-19: Federal Reserve Board Announces It Is Expanding the Scope and Eligibility for the Main Street Lending Program

**April 09, 2020**

Overview of the Credit Facilities Implemented by the Federal Reserve to Provide up to \$2.3 Trillion Relying upon its Emergency Lending Powers

**December 02, 2019**

Federal Regulators Propose Madden Fix

**October 02, 2019**

CFPB FinTech Regulatory Innovation Initiatives Echo International Regimes

**July 17, 2019**

FATF Adopts New Anti-Money Laundering Guidelines for Virtual Assets and Related Providers

**April 09, 2019**

The EU Regulation of Crypto-assets—Fit for Purpose?

**August 09, 2018**

U.S. Proposes a National Framework for the Regulation of Fintech

**October 19, 2017**

CFPB Payday Rule: A Ban or a Blueprint for the Future of Short-Term Consumer Lending?

**July 20, 2017**

See You in Court: CFPB Final Arbitration Rule Opens the Door to Class Action Lawsuits

**May 03, 2017**

State Regulators Mount Counter-Offensive Seeking to Stop OCC's Fintech Charter

**May 02, 2017**

Supreme Court Determines New York Credit Card Surcharge Ban

## **Chris Daniel** (Continued)

Regulates Speech

**December 13, 2016**

The OCC's Proposed Fintech Charter: If It Walks Like a Bank and Quacks Like a Bank, It's a Bank

**June 03, 2013**

Virtual Currencies - Legal and Regulatory Challenges

**May 13, 2013**

Trends in Electronic Payments

**February 20, 2013**

IP Issues – Teleconference

**November 29, 2012**

CFPB Announces More Changes to Come for Remittance Rule, Delayed Implementation

**May 24, 2012**

Georgias Newly Minted Merchant Acquirer Limited Purpose Bank Charter Presents Potential Opportunities...and Risks

**August 15, 2011**

FinCEN Prepaid Access Rule Imposes New Compliance Duties on Non-Bank Money Services Businesses

**August 11, 2011**

Fed Interchange Rule: Beyond First Impressions

**July 08, 2010**

FinCENs Proposed Prepaid Access Rule

**March 23, 2009**

How to Buy Loans Originated by Failed Financial Institutions from the FDIC

**March 23, 2009**

Public-Private Investment: A Three Prong Program for Legacy

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### Assets

#### **February 10, 2009**

Final Rule on Deposit and Sweep Accounts for Depository Institutions

#### **February 03, 2009**

Congressional Agenda Could Accelerate Banking Agency Rules on Unfair Credit Card Practices and Consumer Disclosures  
Understanding the New Rules

#### **January 29, 2009**

UDAP Crackdown A Closer Look at the UDAP Analysis Underlying New Credit Card Rules

#### **December 01, 2008**

Recent FDIC Guidance on Providing Banking Services to Payment Processors or How to Avoid Engaging in Rent-A-Bin Relationships

#### **November 25, 2008**

New General Counsels Opinion No. 8 The FDIC Provides Clarity on Deposit Insurance and Assessments on Funds Underlying Stored Value Cards

#### **October 22, 2008**

EESA Update: TARP-CPP Application Process and Interagency Coordination Round Two

### **Rankings & Awards**

#### **May 01, 2020**

Recognized by Chambers USA 2020

#### **April 26, 2019**

Ranked by Chambers USA 2019

#### **November 30, 2018**



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Recognized in the Chambers FinTech Guide

**May 15, 2018**

Recognized by Chambers USA 2018

**June 05, 2017**

Recognized by Chambers USA 2017

**June 08, 2016**

Recognized by Chambers USA 2016