

Paul Wright
Executive Director
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Mr. Wright is Executive Director of NVLSP. He was unanimously appointed by the Board in June 2021 to lead NVLSP. He joined NVLSP as Deputy Executive Director in 2019.

Mr. Wright has more than 20 years' experience in civil litigation and as in-house legal counsel as well as operational and financial expertise. Prior to joining NVLSP, Wright served as general counsel, compliance officer and director of contracts & legal at IMPAQ International. Previously, Wright was interim chief executive officer, vice president of operations and chief financial officer at Berkley Policy Associates. During his tenure at both organizations, he propelled major business expansions and annual increases in value.

Mr. Wright began his military career enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. He subsequently became a cadet in the U.S. Army Reserve Officer Training Corps and went on to serve as Judge Advocate in the U.S. Army. He led, trained and managed dozens of attorneys and paralegals. He advised senior military and civilian personnel on a spectrum of issues including tax, criminal, family, immigration, claims, consumer and international law. He served as legal counsel to over 20,000 soldiers and civilian Department of Defense personnel in the Republic of Korea and served as counsel to the commander of US Army South for a range operations in Central and South America. He served with distinction and was awarded the Army Achievement Medal for Outstanding Performance as tax center officer in charge and the Army Commendation Medal for outstanding performance as a legal assistance attorney.

Mr. Wright is a graduate of the University of Michigan (B.A.) and University of Minnesota Law School (J.D.). He is a member of the Minnesota State Bar Association and has served on a number of public and private boards and commissions. He is admitted to practice before the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims ("CAVC") and is licensed to practice in the State of Minnesota.