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Industry Experience

CEO

Mendel Biotechnology, Inc.

General Counsel

Arriva Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Partner

Venture Law Group

Associate

Fried, Frank, Harris Shriver & Jacobson LLP

Greg has spent more than 20 years advising biotech companies on corporate and complex transactional matters, including structuring and negotiating strategic R&D collaborations, interactions with academic institutions, board governance and venture and non-dilutive financings. His mix of business and legal in-house experience enables him to provide pragmatic, business-focused solutions to intricate challenges faced by life sciences companies.

Representative clients include Aduro Biotech, Aimmune Therapeutics, The Bluefield Project for PFD, Pliant Therapeutics and Verana Health, Inc.

EXPERIENCE

Mendel Biotechnology, Inc.

CEO

- Led the successful sale of its operating business, and subsequently led the team after the acquisition in building out its microbial platform and development of new microbial products
- Served as Senior Vice President, Corporate Development, where he developed the business case and strategy for the microbial-focused technology platform that drove the acquisition
- Served as the company's General Counsel, advising on corporate governance matters, successfully completing equity and R&D financings, negotiating collaboration agreements with BP, Bayer Crop Sciences and the Monsanto Company, and overseeing regulatory matters, including representing the company in the BIO trade association
- Served as General Counsel for a venture-backed biologics company developing therapies for respiratory diseases

Venture Law Group and Heller Ehrman

Partner

- Focused on licensing and strategic collaborations for life sciences and technology companies

Bar Admissions

- California
- New York

Education

- Harvard Law School, J.D., *cum laude*
- University of Michigan, B.S.,
Chemical Engineering