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From 1994 to 1998, Phil was appointed by President Clinton and confirmed by the Senate as the Assistant Commissioner for Trademarks, overseeing trademark operations and focusing on restructuring the trademark registration process and improving the policies of the USPTO.

In 2021, Phil became Polsinelli's Chief Diversity & Inclusion Officer, bringing a long history of involvement in diversity and inclusion initiatives. Phil is devoted to making intellectual property a more inclusive area of law and has mentored numerous minority and women law students and young lawyers. For the last fifteen years, Phil has taught Trademark Law at Howard University School of Law and has been affiliated with the Institute for Intellectual Property and Social Justice. In 2016, he was the inaugural recipient of the Diversity in Tech Award presented by the IP Section of the National Bar Association.

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