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Steve's practice focuses on assisting clients with managing their domestic and foreign utility and design patent portfolios. He works with clients to encourage (e.g., via developing inventor incentive programs), collect and cultivate invention disclosures from busy inventors, to help identify core concepts for patentability, and to guide the preparation and prosecution of the corresponding patents with an eye towards compact prosecution and broad patent scope. In addition to patent prosecution, he is experienced in evaluating the strengths and weaknesses of patents for litigation and/or licensing, and his litigation work includes district court trial and appeals to both the U.S. Court of Appeals and the United States Supreme Court.

Steve has handled utility patents in a wide-range of computer and electrical technologies, including Internet services, video games, content delivery networks, user interfaces, wired (e.g., DOCSIS, MoCA, etc.) and wireless (e.g., cellular, wi-fi) communication systems, and many others.

He has also handled hundreds of design patent applications to help his clients protect the novel ornamental appearances of their physical hardware and software user interfaces. Sample representations include work to protect operating system user interfaces, computing hardware and user input devices used by millions of people today.

Outside of work for clients, Steve is an Adjunct Professor at Georgetown Law (teaching its course on IP Pretrial Litigation Skills) and George Washington University Law School (teaching its course on Design Law). Steve has also given speeches and presentations for a variety of organizations,

such as the IEEE, ABA, Triangle Game Conference, and U.S. Navy OGC, and has authored various articles and book chapters in the intellectual property field.

In his spare time, Steve enjoys entertaining his kids, and organizes a weekly pickup game of Ultimate.

Steve received his Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from The Ohio State University in 1995, and has been with Banner Witcoff since receiving his Juris Doctor from the Temple University School of Law in 1998.

Steve is a member of the District of Columbia Bar, and is admitted to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office, the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland, and the United States Supreme Court.

Education

Ohio State University
1995, B.S., Electrical Engineering

Temple University Beasley School of Law
1998, J.D.

Languages

Mandarin
Conversational

Admissions

Bar Admissions

1999, District of Columbia

Court Admissions

District of Columbia Court of Appeals
Superior Court of the District of Columbia
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
U.S. Supreme Court

Practices

Appellate Litigation
Copyright
Counseling, Opinions + Licensing
Counterfeit Goods Seizure
Design Patents
Jury Trials
Litigation
Patent Prosecution
Section 337/ITC Litigation

Industries

Electrical + Computer Technologies
Internet, E-Commerce + Business Methods