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Steve Solomon advises and represents clients in intellectual property matters – with a focus on patents and trademarks – and has experience in litigation disputes in federal court and before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board.

Knowing the importance of learning a client’s business, Steve listens – often embedding with clients’ in-house teams, including in-house counsel, project leaders, engineers, and marketing personnel – to better understand and identify what matters and ensure it will be protected. From Fortune-size clients to small startups, he develops and executes long-term strategies to create and enhance IP portfolios that meet the unique needs of each individual client. He has significant experience drafting and negotiating licensing agreements, joint-development and cooperative business (supply) agreements, and non-disclosure agreements, as well as counseling and representing clients in disputes over their brands and technology.

Steve’s formal training and prior work experience in chemical engineering have formed the foundation of his patent practice, where Steve prepares and prosecutes patent applications focusing primarily on the chemical, biochemical, and mechanical arts. He also advises and renders opinions on patentability, freedom to operate, and infringement.

Regarding trademarks, Steve regularly counsels clients on branding issues, including the selection, clearing, adoption and registration of both domestic and global trademark portfolios.

Disputes over intellectual property can be disruptive and costly, drawing attention and resources from a client’s core business. For these reasons, Steve works hard to help clients avoid or resolve disputes whenever possible – but when it is not, he is ready. Steve has represented clients in a variety of patent, trademark, and copyright disputes, ranging from the defense and settlement of “troll” patent cases to litigating complex matters in federal court. He routinely litigates trademark opposition and cancellation proceedings before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. With the help of a network of professional relationships worldwide,

Steve also represents clients in relation to their IP disputes in foreign countries.

When he is not lawyering Steve's passions are family and motorcycles, in that order. His first son, Jacob, graduates from university in 2024 to embark on his own journey making his way in the world, and Steve could not be prouder. His second son, Asher, is a bit younger but not too young to rip up the dirt trails on his own motorcycle most summer Saturdays with his dad.

Education

- Cleveland State University College of Law (J.D., magna cum laude, 2002; Cleveland State Law Review, Associate, 2001)
- The Ohio State University (B.S. in Chemical Engineering, 1998)

State Admissions

- Ohio, 2003

Federal Admissions

- United States Patent and Trademark Office
- United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio

Service Areas

- Intellectual Property
- Patent Procurement
- Patent Litigation
- IP Litigation
- Trademarks
- Copyright Law
- Technology Transfer
- IP Business Strategy & Agreements
- Trade Secret Litigation

Industries Represented

- Chemical
- Consumer Products
- Beverage & Tobacco
- Manufacturing
- Machinery Manufacturing
- Medical Devices
- Healthcare
- Electrical Equipment
- Power Generation