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Steve is a patent attorney who assists clients by drafting and prosecuting patent applications, performing freedom-to-operate analysis, and preparing and evaluating demand letters. Steve also assists clients in instituting and defending post-grant proceedings before the USPTO.

Steve is a member of a large team of patent attorneys, agents, and engineers assisting sophisticated clients with managing and protecting their patent portfolios in fields including wireless communications, semiconductor devices, cloud-based services, flexible packaging, mechanical systems, and outdoor products. In addition to drafting and prosecuting patents, Steve has experience with prosecuting and obtaining standards-essential patents and with identifying standards applicability for issued patents. Additionally, Steve assists clients with performing freedom-to-operate analysis, preparing and evaluating demand letters related to infringing activity, and performing invalidity analysis. As lead counsel, Steve has also guided strategy and prepared filings in post-grant proceedings before the USPTO.

EXPERIENCE

Preparation and Prosecution

- Domestic and international patent preparation and prosecution
- Patent portfolio development and management
- Standards-related patents

Opinions and Counseling

- Patent infringement and validity analysis
- Non-infringement/invalidity opinions

Technologies

- Electrical/Electronic/Computer Science:
  Wireless telecommunications, standards-based technologies, control systems, communication systems, networks, computer software

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PRACTICES

Patent Preparation, Prosecution, and Counseling
Intellectual Property

INDUSTRIES

Outdoor Recreation

EDUCATION

University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law, J.D., 2019

University of Colorado at Boulder, M.S., 2014
Electrical Engineering

Lehigh University, B.S., 2012
Electrical Engineering

BAR ADMISSIONS

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