# Holland & Hart



#### PRACTICES

Patent Preparation, Prosecution, and Counseling Intellectual Property

#### **INDUSTRIES**

Fitness and 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

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Colorado

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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 freedomto-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