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EDUCATION

J.D.,
Georgetown University Law Center, 2004
B.S., Mechanical Engineering
Purdue University, 1997

BAR ADMISSIONS

Illinois
U.S. Patent & Trademark Office
U.S. Dist. Court, N.D. Illinois
U.S. Dist. Court, E.D. Wisconsin

The ability to digest information quickly, concentrate on details, and adapt to changing conditions are all valuable characteristics for intellectual property lawyers. Steve Smith developed all of them, not in the library or courtroom, but while supervising a Naval power plant facility. Steve's past role as a shift supervisor and Qualified Naval Reactors Engineer proved to be an apt training ground for his practice, which focuses on patent prosecution, diligence, counseling, licensing, and complex litigation in the mechanical and electrical arts. He has experience working with consumer products, automotive components, medical devices, power tools, lawn and garden equipment, commercial restaurant equipment, construction equipment and industrial equipment.

Steve has supported both large clients as well as small engineering-focused companies without their own in-house legal resources. For all of them, he proactively identifies potential trouble areas before they become actual conflicts, and explains complicated legal matters to the proper stakeholders in a manner that resonates with a non-legal workforce. Steve's ability to anticipate client needs that they aren't currently focused on makes his practice a forward thinking one.

EXPERIENCE | OVERVIEW

- Steve chairs the firm's Mechanical group and has extensive experience in all phases of U.S. and international prosecution matters, including invention harvesting, drafting applications, responding to office actions from the United States and foreign patent offices, as well as post issuance proceedings.
- Named an Emerging Lawyer in 2015 by *Leading Lawyers Network*, Steve is experienced in advising and representing clients in contemplated and filed litigation proceedings, as well as with licensing matters.
- Active in the Licensing Executive Society (LES), Steve has delivered presentations on licensing matters to, among others, the ACI Medical Device Agreements Conference and the Collaborative Agreements Conference.
- Steve began his career as a Shift Supervisor and Qualified Naval Reactors Engineer at Lockheed Martin Corporation, where he gained valuable experience that he's able to leverage every day as an I.P. attorney

EXPERIENCE | LEGAL

- **Brinks Gilson & Lione**, Chicago, Illinois
September 2004 - Present
Summer Associate, Summer 2003

Biographies | Stephen C. Smith

EXPERIENCE | NON-LEGAL

- **Lockheed Martin Corporation**, Ballston Spa, NY
June 1997 - September 2001
Shift Supervisor, Qualified Naval Reactors Engineer

EXPERIENCE | CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- **Daniel Murphy Scholarship Foundation**
Mentor
- **Federal Circuit Bar Association George Hutchinson Writing Competition**
Judge

PRACTICE GROUPS

Licensing
Litigation
Patent Prosecution
International Patent
Post-Grant Patent

AREA OF FOCUS

Mechanical
Medical Device
Green Technology
Automotive

FORWARD THINKING

Alerts

- Method for New and Useful Laboratory Technique Involving Law of Nature is Patent-Eligible, July 12, 2016
- Federal Circuit Upholds District Court Vacatur of Jury Verdict Under Doctrine of Equivalents Based Upon Ensnarement Defense, October 04, 2017

Presentations

- "Patent Considerations for a Growing 3D Printing and Additive Manufacturing Company," RAPID, SME's Annual Additive Manufacturing Conference, Tampa Bay, May 17, 2016
- "Avoiding and Diffusing Landmines in the Agreement: Staying Away from Terms that Have Proven Problematic and Neutralizing Conflict As It Arises," ACI Medical Device Agreements Conference, Chicago, November 19, 2013
- "America Invents Act and Prometheus: Analyzing the Changing Patent Landscape and its Potential Impact on Licensing and Due Diligence," Panelist, ACI's Medical Device Licensing, Co-Development, and Collaborative Agreements conference, Chicago, November 14, 2012

HONORS

- Emerging Intellectual Property Lawyer, Leading Lawyers Network, 2015, 2016
- Winner of the 2003 Foley & Lardner LLP Intellectual Property Writing Contest for second year law students with "The Status of the Doctrine of Equivalents after the Supreme Court's Decision in *Festo Corp. v. Shoketsu Kinzoko Kogyo Kabushiki Co.*"

AFFILIATIONS

- American Intellectual Property Law Association
- American Bar Association

- Intellectual Property Law Association of Chicago
- Licensing Executives Society

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- *Endotach LLC v. Cook Medical Inc.* (S.D. Ind. 2013-present). Mr. Smith is defending Cook Medical in a patent infringement action filed by Endotach concerning endovascular stent-grafts for treating aneurysms. The district court granted summary judgment in Cook Medical's favor. The Federal Circuit upheld the District Court's judgment in all respects.
- *Boston Scientific Corp., Boston Scientific Scimed, Inc., Boston Scientific Ltd., and Endovascular Technologies, Inc. v. Cook, Inc., Wilson-Cook Medical, Inc., Cook Medical Inc., Cook Ireland Ltd., Cook Group, Inc., Taewoong Medical Co., Ltd., Standard Sci-Tech Inc., EndoChoice, Inc., and Sewoon Medical Co., Ltd.* (D. Mass. 2010-present). Mr. Smith is defending the Cook entities in a patent infringement action filed by Boston Scientific and others concerning gastrointestinal stents. The case is ongoing.
- *Jacobs Chuck Manufacturing Company; Power Tool Holders, Inc.; and Establissements Amyot, S.A. v. Shandong Weida Machinery Co. Ltd.; One World Technologies, Inc.; and Techtronic Industries Co., Ltd.* (E.D. Tx. 2005-2007). Defended defendants in patent infringement lawsuit. Case settled with terms favorable to client.