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OVERVIEW

Steve is an intellectual property attorney with a passion for defending new technology, ideas, and products.

Steve focuses his practice on litigating intellectual property disputes, especially patent infringement and trade secret misappropriation lawsuits. He has significant experience representing pharmaceutical companies in Hatch-Waxman Act matters, representing patent holders at the International Trade Commission, and defending employees from unfair accusations of trade secret misappropriation.

Crafting enforcement, defense, and litigation strategies, Steve works closely with clients. When trial is inevitable, he develops creative arguments and represents clients in all stages of litigation, from pre-suit assessment and opinion stage, through discovery, expert discovery, trial, and appeal.

Industries

Manufacturing

Technology

Transportation

Services

Generic Drug / ANDA Litigation

Intellectual Property Litigation

Section 337

Trade Secrets & Business Information Protection

Featured Experience

A Quick Victory

When a Chinese manufacturer's booth was raided by U.S. Marshals at the largest consumer electronics show in the country, Steve's legal team leapt into action. They quickly learned that a competitor had secretly won a temporary restraining order against the Chinese manufacturer, claiming patent infringement in an effort to keep their products out of the U.S. market. Steve's team fought the preliminary injunction and accompanying lawsuit so thoroughly that the plaintiff withdrew their complaint within a month and chose not to pursue the case any

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further. The client was free to introduce their products into the U.S. and avoided a costly permanent injunction.

Experience

- Won appeal in *A.L.M. Holding Co. v. Zydex Indus. Private Ltd.*, 176 F.4th 1326 (Fed. Cir. 2026), securing a precedential opinion that clarifies Article III standing requirements in patent infringement lawsuits.
- Represented TWi Pharmaceuticals in connection with its development and marketing of a generic version of cladribine successfully invalidating all relevant claims of the patents on multiple sclerosis drug Mavenclad® before the Patent Trials and Appeals Board, decisions affirmed by the Federal Circuit. *Merck Serono S.A. v. TWi Pharmaceuticals, Inc.* (D. Del 2026).
- Represented agricultural equipment manufacturer and patent owner in patent infringement litigation and jury trial involving four patents on farm implement technology.
- Represented pharmaceutical manufacturer in patent infringement litigation and trial relating to injectable antifungal medication.
- Represented pharmaceutical manufacturer in patent infringement litigation and trial relating to medication for treatment of benign prostatic hyperplasia.
- Represented pharmaceutical manufacturer in patent infringement litigation relating to blood pressure medication.
- Represented telecommunications company in litigation involving claims of patent infringement and trade secret misappropriation.
- Represented pharmaceutical company in litigation involving claims of trade secret misappropriation, breach of contract and business torts.
- Represented agricultural equipment manufacturer in patent infringement litigation and appeal involving patents relating to commercial lawn care technology.

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Experience

- Represented electronics and personal mobility device manufacturer in patent infringement litigation involving utility and design patents on self-balancing one-wheeled skateboard technology.
- Represented pharmaceutical manufacturer in patent infringement litigation relating to zoledronic acid drug products.
- Represented pharmaceutical manufacturer in patent infringement litigation relating to abuse-resistant OxyContin formulations.
- Represented pharmaceutical manufacturer in patent infringement litigation relating to iron chelation therapy products.
- Represented pharmaceutical manufacturer in patent infringement litigation relating to oral chemotherapy product.
- Represented electronics manufacturer in competitive landscape analysis for licensing negotiations.
- Prevailed before the Federal Circuit on behalf of international motor manufacturer in patent case involving complex applications of Illinois contract law to intellectual property licensing agreements.
- Achieved victory in patent dispute for loan origination platform developer client, utilizing invalidity defense based on Supreme Court's *Alice* doctrine
- Prevailed at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit on behalf of Kansas-based client Ventria Bioscience (d/b/a InVitria and ExpressTec), when a three-judge panel affirmed a U.S. International Trade Commission's 2022 decision that found Wuhan Healthgen Biotechnology Corp. and its distributors in violation of U.S. trade law. The Federal Circuit affirmed both the finding of infringement and Ventria's satisfaction of the ITC's "domestic industry" requirement.

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Education

- J.D., University of Michigan Law School
  - *cum laude*
- B.A., Kalamazoo College
  - *cum laude*
  - Biology

Admissions

- Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois
- Wisconsin
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Wisconsin
- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit

Community Leadership

Steve has devoted hundreds of pro bono hours over the course of his career. He has successfully obtained asylum for multiple clients seeking to avoid removal to dangerous countries, and has litigated multiple Section 1983 cases to defend the constitutional rights of inmates.

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