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#### **Education**

J.D. from Southern Methodist University, Dedman School of Law

- American Jurisprudence Award for Trial Advocacy
- SMU Moot Court Board (Chief Justice)

B.S. from Baylor University with honors

#### **Bar Admissions**

Texas

United States Court of Appeals for the Second, Fifth, Ninth, Eleventh and Federal Circuits

United States District Court for the Eastern, Northern, Southern and Western Districts of Texas

United States Supreme Court

#### **Related Practices**

Intellectual Property
Intellectual Property Litigation
Litigation
Arbitration
Energy Litigation
Intellectual Property Litigation
Trade Secrets

### **Overview**

Steve is a trial lawyer who has been lead counsel in more than 100 patent infringement cases, representing a wide range of clients, including developers of RFID technology, digital video device manufacturers, telecom equipment manufacturers, semiconductor manufacturers. electronics companies, pharmaceutical and medical device companies, building materials manufacturers, HVAC and air purification equipment manufacturers, consumer product companies and financial service companies. Steve has been recognized as a Recommended Professional by IAM Patent 1000 (2023) and as a Best Lawyer in America, Litigation – Patent (2024) by Woodward/White, Inc. Steve is also the author of the chapter titled "The Expert in Patent Infringement Cases" in the 2019 and 2022 Editions of Practicing Law Institute's Expert Witness Answer Book.

Steve helps clients by listening to their needs and understanding their ultimate business goals and objectives. He then collaborates with his clients to develop an effective litigation strategy that will best advance those goals and objectives. Steve assembles teams of nationally recognized consultants and experts having specialized areas of expertise to assist him in explaining to the courts and juries the often complicated technological and other business issues involved in intellectual property cases.

Whether representing clients by asserting their intellectual property rights against infringers, or defending against claims from other parties, Steve approaches every case from the outset with the assumption that the case will go to trial. Accordingly, Steve thoroughly investigates every claim, aggressively develops each fact and zealously advocates his clients'





**Related Industries** 

Financial Services
Energy
Manufacturing
Technology & Telecommunications

**Achievements** 

D Magazine – Best Lawyers in Dallas (2016)

IAM Patent 1000 – Recommended Professionals (2023)

Woodward/White, Inc. – Best Lawyers in America,
Litigation - Patent (2024)

**Memberships** 

Eastern District of Texas Bar Association Sedona Conference positions at every opportunity.

Steve, his wife Libby and their daughter Lindsay live in Plano. Texas.

# **Experience**

### **Patent Litigation**

Represented two local security service companies, Trover Group, Inc. and The Security Center, Inc., in a series of cases involving the enforcement of patents related to digital video security systems. Cases resulted in a number of license agreements covering the asserted patents. (Eastern District of Texas).

## **Patent Litigation**

Representing Healthy Fiber, LLC, a manufacturer of specialty food items, in a case involving the enforcement of a patent related to the production of high fiber, low calorie foods. (Eastern District of Texas).

### **Patent Litigation**

Represented Huawei Device USA, Inc. in a case involving a patent related to multi-positional cameras on smartphones and other devices. Court granted the defendants' motion for summary judgment. (Eastern District of Texas).



#### **Patent Litigation**

Represented Nu-You Technologies, Inc., a local manufacturer of hair care products, in a series of cases to enforce a patent related to a certain hair styling device against a number of competitors that sold infringing products. Cases resulted in a number of settlement agreements that included permanent injunctions against most of the competing manufacturers. (Northern District of Texas).

### Copyright + Trade Secrets

Represented BulletLink, a local provider of software and services related to online newspaper publishers, in a case to protect its copyrighted software and its business-related trade secrets from being infringed and misappropriated by competitor in India. Case resulted in a judgment in excess of \$1 MM and a permanent injunction against the defendant. Case is presently on appeal to the U. S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. (Northern District of Texas).

#### **Trade Secret Litigation**

Represented a Taiwanese electronics manufacturer in an arbitration matter involving numerous business claims, including misappropriation of trade secrets under the Texas Uniform Trade Secrets Act and the federal Defend Trade Secrets Act. (Dallas, Texas).

### Patent + Trademark Litigation

Represented Seasons USA, a leading manufacturer of novelty holiday related toys, costumes and decorations, in a series of patent and trademark infringement matters involving Halloween-related products. (Northern District of Texas).

## **Patent Litigation**

Represented Lennox Industries, Inc. in a case involving a computer interface used with controlling remote devices. (Northern District of Texas).

### **Patent Litigation**

Represented Lennox Industries, Inc. in a case involving an encryption system to secure wireless transmissions of data packets. (Eastern District of Texas).

### **Patent Litigation**

Represented KMC Rental, LLC in a case involving oil field equipment used with well fracking operations. (Northern District of Texas).



#### **Patent Litigation**

Represented Diamond Grading Technologies LLC in a case involving the enforcement of a patent related to evaluating the cut grade of gemstones. (Eastern District of Texas).

#### **Patent Litigation**

Represented Dreamscape, Inc. in a case involving software systems for managing crop insurance business. (District of Minnesota).

#### **Patent Litigation**

Represented GreenTech Environmental, Inc. in a case involving air filtration devices. (Eastern District of Texas).

#### **Patent Litigation**

Represented C.C. Forbes, LLC in a case involving oil well work-over and well service equipment. (Eastern District of Texas).

### **Patent Litigation**

Represented Bel Fuse, Inc. in a case involving unregulated and semi-regulate bus converters. (Eastern District of Texas).

### **Patent Litigation**

Represented Yomega Corp in a case involving digital tagging for consumer packaging. (District of Utah).

### **Patent Litigation**

Represented Dust Free, LP in multiple cases involving air filtration devices. (Central District of California; Eastern District of Texas).

# **Copyright Litigation**

Represented Direct Logistics, Inc. in a case involving protecting client's copyrighted name and logo. (Northern District of Texas).



#### **Copyright Litigation**

Represented Paperboard, Inc. in a case involving the contents of a commercial internet web site. (Northern District of Texas).

#### **Copyright Infringement**

Represented M&F Western Products, Inc. in a case involving protecting the client's copyrighted designs for western-style leather goods against infringement. (Eastern District of Texas).

#### Newsroom

Press Release: Thirteen (13) Munsch Hardt Attorneys Named to D Magazine's 2024 "Best Lawyers in Dallas" Directory

**Speech**: The Sufficiency of Rule 26(a)(1) Initial Disclosures

Press Release: 'Best Lawyers in America®' Names 54 Munsch Hardt Attorneys to its 2024 List and Two as 'Lawyers of the

Year'

Press Release: IAM Patent 1000 Ranks Munsch Hardt and Two IP Shareholders in 2023 List

In The News: D Magazine Recognizes Munsch Hardt Shareholder Promotions

Press Release: Munsch Hardt Announces 2023 Promotions to Equity Shareholder and Shareholder

In The News: 9 CCPA questions every CISD should be prepared to answer

In The News: Leo India Films Order of Dismissal

In The News: 5th Circ. Won't Nix \$1.4M Arbitral Award To Taiwanese Co.

Article: Cyber Resilience and the Importance of a Plan: How Law Firms Can Defend Against Cybersecurity Risks

In The News: Data Breach Legislation Proposes Jail Time for CIO, HR Execs

**Article**: Does Your Trade Secret Attorney Know Patents?

In The News: Williams Shares Insights On Cybersecurity With Managed Healthcare Executive

In The News: Munsch Hardt To Absorb Dallas Trial And IP Boutique

In The News: Munsch Hardt Doubles IP Litigation Practice through Acquisition

In The News: Dallas Trial Boutique to Close as Munsch Hardt Hires Its Lawyers

Press Release: Munsch Hardt Joins Forces with McDole Williams, Strengthening Its Commercial Litigation and IP Practices

Speech: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly of Early Damage Disclosures. A Look at the New California Approach

Speech: 2017 Eastern District of Texas Bench Bar Conference, Planning Committee







Speech: 2016 Eastern District of Texas Bench Bar Conference, Planning Committee

Article: Successfully Defending Against False Marking Claims