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Steve is chair of Cooley's nationally recognized intellectual property litigation practice, which has been described by Chambers USA and The American Lawyer as a talented group of next-generation lawyers with "powerful trial and USPTO" experience. He brings more than 25 years of first chair trial knowledge as a private practice and government litigator.

Steve has tried a number of high-profile and complex disputes to verdict in numerous district courts and administrative bodies – such as the US International Trade Commission (ITC) and the Patent Trial and Appeal Board – as well as successfully litigating and arguing appeals in various appellate courts. He is currently an adjunct professor at George Mason University, where he teaches a course on patent law.

Steve's trial and litigation experience centers on patent litigation disputes in district courts and before the ITC, and he brings a wide range of trial and litigation experience in other areas, including commercial, trade secret and employment matters. His broad district court experience includes successful jury trials for major smartphone manufacturers, semiconductor chip makers and designers, iconic game companies, and consumer credit companies throughout the US, and he has argued in district courts in the Northern District of California, the Eastern and Northern Districts of Texas, the Northern District of Illinois and the Eastern District of Virginia, among others. Steve's recent wins include obtaining a complete victory for a consumer electronics manufacturer involving trade secret misappropriation, patent infringement and copyright infringement, as well as convincing a federal judge to overturn a jury verdict in a patent case.

Steve also has litigated and tried dozens of complex intellectual property cases at the ITC as an ITC senior investigative attorney and in private practice. These complex and high-stakes cases typically involve large Fortune 500 consumer electronics, medical device, chip manufacturing and gaming companies impacting billions of dollars in commerce. Steve has helped position Cooley's ITC Section 337 investigation practice as one of the most sought out in the US, as was highlighted by Corporate Counsel's Section 337 litigation survey.

In 2022, Intellectual Asset Management (IAM) named Steve to its Patent 1000 list, which recognizes the top patent attorneys in the world. Managing Intellectual Property has named him an IP Star for seven consecutive years, with Steve earning top ranking for his patent litigation work. Additionally, the BTI Consulting Group

named Steve a BTI Client Service All-Star in 2018, and The Legal 500 US praised his ITC Section 337 litigation experience.

Upon graduating from law school, Steve clerked with Justice Florence K. Murray of the Rhode Island Supreme Court, followed by a clerkship with Judge Robert W. Lovegreen of the US District Court for the District of Rhode Island.

Steve is a current member of the executive board for the ITC Trial Lawyers Association.

Education

George Washington University Law School
JD, 1994

Villanova University
BA, 1991

Admissions & Credentials

District of Columbia

Massachusetts

Rhode Island

Virginia

Court Admissions

U.S. District Court, District of Columbia

U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit

U.S. District Court, District of Maryland

US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts

U.S. District Court, District of Rhode Island

Rankings & Accolades

BTI Consulting Group: Client Service All-Star

IAM Patent 1000: Top Patent Lawyer

Legal 500: Patent Litigation; Trade Secrets (Litigation & Non-Contentious Matters)

Managing Intellectual Property: DC Metro Litigation of the Year Finalist

Managing Intellectual Property: IP Star

Memberships & Affiliations

International Trade Commission Trial Lawyers Association