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PRACTICE AREAS

Intellectual Property | Corporate | Emerging Business | International/World Law Group | Technology & Licensing | Automotive | Cannabis & Hemp

Steve Stark concentrates his area of practice on patents, trademarks, copyrights and litigation matters. He has prosecuted well over a hundred U.S. and foreign patent applications which span a wide landscape of technologies, including various mechanical, electrical, chemical and business method inventions. Much of his patent work has been focused in the carpet, consumer product, packaging, transportation and medical instrument industries. Additionally, he has assisted clients in obtaining and maintaining hundreds of trademark registrations. He has extensive experience negotiating agreements related to technology. He has been actively involved in the enforcement of clients' intellectual property rights in some situations, as well as defending clients from allegations of misappropriation in other situations.

EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Georgia School of Law, 1998
- B.S.M.E., *with honors*, United States Naval Academy, 1990

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Tennessee
- Georgia
- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Tennessee
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Georgia
- Tennessee Supreme Court
- Georgia Supreme Court
- Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences
- Trademark Trial and Appeal Board

ACCOLADES

- Registered Professional Engineer, Virginia
- Submarine Qualification, U.S. Navy
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- *The Best Lawyers in America*® – Intellectual Property Litigation; Patent Law; and Trademark Law, since 2013
- *Best Lawyers*® -"Lawyer of the Year" (Chattanooga, Tennessee) – Intellectual Property Litigation, 2023 & 2021
- *Best Lawyers*® -"Lawyer of the Year" (Chattanooga, Tennessee) – Trademark Law, 2022, 2020 & 2016
- *Best Lawyers*® -"Lawyer of the Year" (Chattanooga, Tennessee) – Patent Law, 2019 & 2017

MEMBERSHIPS

- American Intellectual Property Law Association
- Chattanooga Bar Association
- Chattanooga Engineers Club – Treasurer
- Georgia Bar Association
- Tennessee Bar Association
- Tennessee Intellectual Property Law Association – Past President

COMMUNITY

- Downtown Kiwanis, Board of Directors – Member
- Epilepsy Foundation of Southeast Tennessee – Former President
- Gideon's International – Member
- Chattanooga Engineers Club – President, 2016

EXPERIENCE

- Patent, Trademark and Copyright prosecution and consultation for local, national and internationally focused companies.
- Perry v. Herd, (M.D.Tenn. 2006, unpublished) successfully assisted in obtaining 16 counts of willful copyright infringement against defendant.







