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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.



### PRACTICE AREAS

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

### 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

### 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- Perry v. Herd, (M.D.Tenn. 2006, unpublished) successfully assisted in obtaining 16 counts of willful copyright infringement against defendant.

