

PRACTICE FOCUS

Steve works in the firm's business, intellectual property, and international business practice areas, advising clients on general business matters, acquisition transactions, contract negotiation and intellectual property licensing and protection. He has been with the firm since 2003.

Business

Steve offers creative and efficient strategies when advising clients in every stage of the business life cycle, including business formation and structuring, contract drafting and negotiation, negotiation of joint ventures, franchising, and counseling buyers and sellers in acquisition transactions. Steve devotes a substantial portion of his practice to information technology, electronic and social media, software and web development, and e-commerce.

Intellectual Property

Steve has extensive experience in identifying and protecting clients' intellectual property assets, safeguarding clients' intellectual property interests through domestic and international trademarks, copyrights, negotiation of confidentiality agreements and NDAs, and commercializing IP rights through negotiation of services agreements, licenses, and joint venture agreements.

International Business

Steve leverages his knowledge of business and intellectual property law to serve clients outside the United States. He regularly counsels businesses in international acquisition transactions, IP protection, supply and distribution licensing and cross-border joint ventures.



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Litigation

Mergers & Acquisitions

Securities & Corporate Governance

“Building lasting relationships with our clients, sharing their goals and providing effective counsel- it’s what we do.”



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CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Selected as an “Ohio Rising Star” by *Law & Politics Magazine*, a publication that recognizes the top up-and-coming attorneys in the state, based on voting by individuals previously identified by the magazine as “Ohio Super Lawyers®.” Ohio Super Lawyers are said to represent the top 5 percent of the legal profession.

Recognized as an up-and-coming attorney by *Chambers USA*, a service that honors “America’s Leading Business Lawyers.”

Graduated first in his class from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law in 2002.

Chair of the firm’s hiring committee.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Columbus Bar Association, member

Columbus Intellectual Property Law Association (CIPLA), member

International Trademark Association, member

Ohio State Bar Association, member

United Way of Central Ohio, Young Leadership Group, member

BAR ADMISSIONS

Ohio

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio

EDUCATION

Juris Doctorate (2002)

The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law
Summa cum laude; Order of the Coif; *The Ohio State Law Journal*, articles editor

Bachelor of Arts, History (1999)

Wake Forest University

Magna cum laude; Phi Beta Kappa