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Richard Myers is a Registered U.S. Patent Attorney. His practice focuses on patent-related aspects of intellectual property, including counseling clients on patent infringement, patent validity, and patentability. He has more than two decades of experience with the patent prosecution process. As a former patent examiner and an attorney in the private sector, he has examined or prosecuted over 600 patent applications. With an academic background in chemistry, Richard's practice primarily focuses on life sciences technology, including a wide variety of chemical and pharmaceutical arts.

While serving as a patent examiner, Richard examined patent applications directed to organic chemical compounds, and their methods of use. He issued patents to many international companies.

CAPABILITIES

Practice Areas

- Biotechnology/Life Sciences
- Fiduciary Duty, Trade Secret & Unfair Competition Litigation
- Intellectual Property & Technology
- Patent Prosecution & Protection

RECENT ASSIGNMENTS

- Assist a major academic research institution's drug discovery program to protect a class of pharmaceutical compounds.
- Successfully defending a stretch wrap film patent through three consecutive reexamination proceedings.

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Tennessee
- United States Patent and Trademark Office

RECENT NEWS, ARTICLES & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- The Elite Squad of Intellectual Property Lawyers in Tennessee
by editor, *Business Today News*, May 9, 2023
- Managing IP honors Stites & Harbison attorneys
by staff reporter, *The Nashville Ledger*, July 23, 2021
- Intellectual Property Law
Lecturer, Intellectual Property Forum, Tennessee Bar Association, 2004
- Basics of IP Litigation
Lecturer, Tennessee Bar Association, Memphis, Nashville and Knoxville, Tenn., 2003
- Recent Developments in Intellectual Property Law
Lecturer, Nashville Bar Association's Continuing Legal Education, Nashville, Tenn., 2002
- Tennessee Intellectual Property Law
Lecturer, Tennessee Intellectual Property Law Association, Fall Symposium, Crossville, Tenn., 2000

FIRM LEADERSHIP

- Management Committee, Member (2018-20) (2021-23)
- Intellectual Property & Technology Service Group, Co-Chair

MEMBERSHIPS

- American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA)
- American Bar Association
- Tennessee Bar Association , IP Section, past Chair
- Tennessee Intellectual Property Law Association
- Association of University Technology Managers (AUTM) , AUTM Annual Meeting Program Committee, former member; AUTM Special Interest Group, past chair

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Delta State University Foundation, Board of Directors (2019-Present)
- Delta State University, President of the National Alumni Association (2013-15)

EDUCATION

University of Mississippi School of Law J.D. 1994

Delta State University B.S., Chemistry 1991

- President, Student Government Association, 1990-91

- Delta State University Hall of Fame

MORE THAN STITES & HARBISON

From 1997-99, Mr. Myers worked with a law firm in Falls Church, Va. He also served as a Patent Examiner with the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office. Richard enjoys golf, hiking, hunting and fishing. He is involved with his children's many activities and enjoys returning to Mississippi for Delta State Alumni activities and Ole Miss football games.

ACCOLADES

- *Best Lawyers in America*®, Copyright Law (2013-24)
- *ChambersUSA*, "America's Leading Lawyers for Business," Intellectual Property (2021-23)
- *Managing Intellectual Property*, IP Stars (2013-23)
- *Mid-South Super Lawyers*® (2017-23)
- Delta State University, Alumni Hall of Fame (2023)