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Sean Ritchie is a Patent Attorney and member of the firm's Intellectual Property & Technology group. His practice focuses on intellectual property protection, including counseling clients on patent infringement, patentability, patent drafting, and patent prosecution. With an academic background in bioengineering, Sean's practice primarily focuses on chemical, life sciences, and materials science technologies. He also handles FDA compliance issues for medical devices.

CAPABILITIES

Practice Areas

- Advertising & Marketing Law
- Biotechnology/Life Sciences
- Intellectual Property & Technology
- Intellectual Property Litigation
- Patent Prosecution & Protection

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Pennsylvania
- Tennessee
- United States Patent and Trademark Office

RECENT NEWS, ARTICLES & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Fed. Circ. Won't Revive Solenis Paper-Making Patent *with Tiffany Hu* Law360, May 26, 2020
- Everyone's New Year's Resolution: More Privacy
Tennessee Bar Association, Corporate Counsel Section, Nashville, Tennessee, December 9, 2019
- Patentability in the Context of Personalized Medicine, Novel Targets, Treatment Methods, and Repurposed Drugs
University of Kentucky, Office of Technology Commercialization, June 26, 2019
- Battery-Powered Medical Devices Market Trends & Opportunities
Panel Member, Memphis, TN, May 7, 2019
- A Costly Reminder to Continually Re-Evaluate Your IP *Stites & Harbison, PLLC*. Stites & Harbison Client Alert, March 21, 2019
- New Guidance from the USPTO Aims to Clarify Patent-Eligible Subject Matter Determination *with Terry L. Wright* Stites & Harbison Client Alert, January 15, 2019

FIRM LEADERSHIP

- Firm Recruiting Committee, Member
- Nashville Office Recruiting Committee, Co-Chair

MEMBERSHIPS

- American Bar Association
- Pennsylvania Bar Association , IP Section, past treasurer; IP Section, Patent Committee, past chair; IP Section, past delegate
- Tennessee Bar Association
- Nashville Bar Association
- Association of University Technology Managers (AUTM)

EDUCATION

University of Pittsburgh School of Law J.D. 2010

University of Pittsburgh M.S., Bioengineering 2011

University of Pittsburgh B.S., Bioengineering 2006

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Prior to joining Stites & Harbison in 2016, Sean was with McNees Wallace & Nurick LLC in Pennsylvania. Prior to that, he was in-house counsel for a biotechnology company where he focused on healthcare and medical device regulation. Sean is certified in neurophysiological intraoperative monitoring, and has spent time in the operating room monitoring somatosensory responses from patients during various vascular and neurological surgeries.

ACCOLADES

- *Best Lawyers in America*®, Litigation - Intellectual Property (2022)