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Nick Stewart is a West Virginia native and Registered Patent Attorney in Stites's Intellectual Property and Technology Service Group, where his practice focuses heavily in patent preparation and prosecution. With a diverse technical background rooted in the fields of biotechnology, physics, and computer science, Nick routinely helps navigate clients with technologies across a broad array of technical fields towards patent protection.

Nick regularly prepares and prosecutes domestic and foreign patent applications for mechanical devices, consumer goods, software, medical devices, and life sciences-associated technologies. In addition to patent application preparation and prosecution, Nick also assists clients with a variety of other intellectual property-based services, including preparing patentability analyses and freedom to operate opinions, licensing agreements, and trademark and copyright procurement.

CAPABILITIES

Practice Areas

- Biotechnology/Life Sciences
- Intellectual Property & Technology
- Intellectual Property Litigation
- Patent Prosecution & Protection
- Copyrights
- Entrepreneurial Services
- Trademarks

RECENT ASSIGNMENTS

- Assisted in development of U.S. patent portfolio for foreign entity by successfully prosecuting several patent applications covering a variety of apparel-related technologies.
- Counseled startup in manufacturing industry regarding patentability and patent protection plan for new manufacturing system and process.
- Assisted in drafting and subsequent prosecution of patent applications for numerous domestic and foreign entities.

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Kentucky
- Virginia
- United States Patent and Trademark Office

RECENT NEWS, ARTICLES & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Stites & Harbison, PLLC Promotes Gary N. Stewart (Nick) to Member (Partner)
  by staff writer, *The Lane Report*, January 12, 2026
- People on the Move in Louisville: Gary N. Stewart (Nick)
  by editor, *Louisville Business First*, January 5, 2026
- AI and IP: The Fundamentals of Intellectual Property Law and How Generative Artificial Intelligence is Shaking
  co-speaker, Louisville Bar Association, IP/AI/Privacy Law Section Webinar, June 25, 2024
- Navigating Artificial Intelligence in PR and Communications
  panelist, Bluegrass Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA), March 21, 2024
- Gifts from the USPTO for Prospective Patentees Heading into the New Year
  Stites & Harbison Client Alert, December 28, 2023
- The Enablement Challenge for Genus Claims Under U.S. Patent Law: How Much Disclosure Is Enough After Amgen v. Sanofi?
- Patent Law in Practice
  Guest Lecturer, West Virginia University College of Law, April 13, 2023
- The Twelve Days of I.P. Christmas

,with Joel T. Beres, Jeffrey A. Haeberlin, James Hayne, Thomas J. Mihill (TJ), B. Aaron Schulman and Patrick M. Torre Stites & Harbison Client Alert, December 14, 2022

- Artificial Intelligence and Intellectual Property

  Panel Member, Technology Law Society, University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law, Louisville, KY, October 17, 2022

- Artificial Intelligence and Inventorship Under U.S. Patent Law

  Stites & Harbison Client Alert, August 9, 2022

- IP for Entrepreneurs and Scientists

  Guest Lecturer, Temple University, March 16, 2022

- Supreme Court Provides Additional Guidance on Assignor Estoppel in Patent Litigation

  Stites & Harbison Client Alert, September 29, 2021

- Protecting Your Business's Intellectual Property

  Speaker, TechConnect West Virginia, Marshall University, September 24, 2020

- Intellectual Property Essentials for Engineers: Patents, Trademarks, Copyrights, and Trade Secrets

  Webinar, HalfMoon Seminars, August 30, 2020

- Spring Cleaning for Your Intellectual Property

  Stites & Harbison Thirsty Thursday Networking event, March 5, 2020

- A Three-Dimensional World in a Two-Dimensional Patent System: 3D Printing and the Importance of Claiming CAD Files

  118 W. Va. L. Rev. 477 (2015)

FIRM LEADERSHIP

- Louisville Office Recruiting Committee, Member

MEMBERSHIPS

- American Bar Association
- Virginia State Bar
- Young Professionals of Louisville (YPAL)
- Louisville Bar Association,
  - Co-chair of Intellectual Property/Artificial Intelligence/Privacy Law section
- AUTM

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- 2020-24 Legal Food Frenzy Campaign, Firm Organizer
- 2023-2024 USPTO National Patent Application Drafting Competition, Coach

EDUCATION

- West Virginia University College of Law J.D., *cum laude* 2016
- Marshall University B.S., Biotechnology with minor in Physics, *cum laude* 2012
- Auburn University Computer Science*, 2018-2020

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Prior to joining the firm, Nick was a patent attorney at a boutique intellectual property firm in Mobile, Alabama. During law school, he was a Global IP Strategy Legal Student Associate with Mylan Pharmaceutical in West Virginia. Outside of work, Nick enjoys spending time with his wife, Sharon, and two dogs, running, and playing drums.

ACCOLADES

- *Best Lawyers in America*®, Ones To Watch, Litigation - Intellectual Property; Patent Law (2025-27)
- *Managing Intellectual Property*, Rising Stars (2023-26)