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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.

Richard's chemical patent practice also includes substantial work in surfactant chemistry, personal care formulations, and specialty chemical technologies, including shampoo and conditioner compositions, anionic and amphoteric surfactant systems, cationic deposition polymers, coacervate-forming systems, alkyl polyglucoside derivatives, and formulation technologies for cleansing, conditioning, deposition, and materials-performance applications. He also maintains a significant portfolio in papermaking and paper-based technologies, including paper coatings, barrier coatings, packaging materials, fiber-based products, wet-end chemistry, and related manufacturing processes, as well as pharmaceutical and life sciences matters involving small-molecule drug discovery, organic compounds, therapeutic methods of use, and formulation technologies.

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.

Richard serves as the office executive member to the firm's Nashville office.

CAPABILITIES

Practice Areas

- Patent Prosecution & Protection

- Intellectual Property & Technology
- Biotechnology/Life Sciences
- Fiduciary Duty, Trade Secret & Unfair Competition Litigation
- Chemistry & Materials

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

- Forbes' honors 5 Stites & Harbison attorneys on America's Best-in-State Lawyers
  by editor, *Williamson Herald*, August 7, 2025 *,with Erika R. Barnes*
- In Charge 2025: Legal - Richard Myers
  Staff Reports, Nashville Post, March 25, 2025
- Stites & Harbison names Nashville office executive
  by Editor, *Nashville Ledger*, August 2, 2024
- People on the Move in Nashville: Richard S. Myers, Jr.
  by Editor, *Nashville Business Journal*, July 30, 2024
- The Elite Squad of Intellectual Property Lawyers in Tennessee
  by editor, *Business Today News*, May 9, 2023 *,with Alexandra MacKay*
- Managing IP honors Stites & Harbison attorneys
  by staff reporter, *The Nashville Ledger*, July 23, 2021 *,with Alexandra MacKay*
- 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

- Office Executive Member, Nashville (2024-present)
- Business Acceptance Committee (2024-present)
- Recruiting Committee, Nashville Office (ex officio)
- Management Committee, Member (2018-20) (2021-23)
- Intellectual Property & Technology Service Group, Former 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

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.

ACCOLADES

- *Best Lawyers in America*®, Copyright Law (2013-27)
- *ChambersUSA, "America's Leading Lawyers for Business,"* Intellectual Property (2021-26)
- *Managing Intellectual Property*, IP Stars (2013-26)
- *Forbes*, America's Best-in-State Lawyers, Intellectual Property (2025)
- *Mid-South Super Lawyers*® (2017-23)
- Delta State University, Alumni Hall of Fame (2023)