



## Richard S. Myers Jr.

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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.

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

## CAPABILITIES

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### Practice Areas

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

## RECENT ASSIGNMENTS

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- 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

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- Tennessee
- United States Patent and Trademark Office

## RECENT NEWS, ARTICLES & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

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- 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

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- Office Executive Member, Nashville and Franklin (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

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- 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

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

## EDUCATION

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- University of Mississippi School of Law J.D., 1994
- Delta State University B.S., Chemistry, 1991

## MORE THAN STITES & HARBISON

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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

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- *Best Lawyers in America*®, Copyright Law (2013-26)
- *ChambersUSA*, "America's Leading Lawyers for Business," Intellectual Property (2021-25)
- *Forbes*, America's Best-in-State Lawyers, Intellectual Property (2025)
- *Managing Intellectual Property*, IP Stars (2013-25)
- *Mid-South Super Lawyers*® (2017-23)
- Delta State University, Alumni Hall of Fame (2023)