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Steve Weyer is a member of the firm's Intellectual Property & Technology Service Group and a registered U.S. Patent Attorney with a background in biochemistry. He focuses his practice on patent prosecution and strategic intellectual property counseling, with particular emphasis on U.S. and international design patent preparation and protection, as well as utility patent prosecution across a broad range of technologies, including biotechnology, chemistry, clean technology, and computer implemented inventions. Mr. Weyer has extensive experience advising clients on the development and management of global intellectual property portfolios including trademark prosecution and portfolio management, as well as supporting litigation and providing opinions on patentability, freedom to operate and related matters. He is also active in the international IP community through leadership roles and regularly writes and speaks on intellectual property topics.

CAPABILITIES

Practice Areas

- Intellectual Property & Technology
- Intellectual Property Litigation
- Patent Prosecution & Protection
- Copyrights
- Telecommunications, Technology & Internet Law
- Biotechnology/Life Sciences
- Sustainability & Emerging Technology
- Trademarks

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Ohio
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Indiana
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana
- U.S. Supreme Court
- United States Patent and Trademark Office
- Indiana (inactive)

RECENT NEWS, ARTICLES & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Teaching an ‘Old Dog’ Profession New Tricks: Economic Model(s) for use of technology in providing legal services in 2025 and beyond
  Stites & Harbison Client Alert, May 30, 2025
- News of the Death of Workers’ Jobs at the Virtual Hands of AI is Greatly Exaggerated
  Stites & Harbison Client Alert, June 27, 2024
- The Evolution of “Hybrid”: Post-COVID Collaborative Working
  Stites & Harbison Client Alert, November 3, 2023
- How Dynamic Project Management Can Help Law Firms
  Law360, November 17, 2021
- PTAB Axes Bulk Of Possible Cancer Treatment Patent In PGR
  Law360, March 20, 2020
- Precision/Personalized Medicine and Intellectual Property: Balancing Public Health and Innovation
  presenter & workshop facilitator, ITechLaw 2019 World Conference, Boston, Mass., May 15-17, 2019
- The Role of Intellectual Property in Servitized Technology
  co-presenter, ITechLaw 2015 World Conference, San Diego, Calif., April 29-May 1, 2015
- Episode I: 'IP and Innovation: Are we heading for Star Trek or Star Wars as Science Fiction becomes Science Fact?'
  2014 European Conference, ITechLaw, October 17, 2014
- High court ruling leaves open questions on software patent eligibility
  contributor, by Kimberly Atkins, *Virginia Lawyers Weekly*, June 24, 2014

- US Supreme Court Finds Computer Implemented Method and System Claims Directed to "Fundamental Economic Practice" is a Patent-Ineligible Abstract Idea

  ,*with Jeffrey A. Haeberlin* Stites & Harbison Client Alert, June 20, 2014

- Eyewitness Insights – U.S. Supreme Court on Patentability of Computer Implemented Methods

  Stites & Harbison Client Alert, April 2, 2014

- U.S. Supreme Court decision in Myriad and Other Biotech Judicial Opinions

  ITechLaw Webinar, co-presenter with Alvin Fashu-Kanu, M.S., J.D., December 12, 2013

- OP-IP Law Blog

  co-creator and author, specifically directed to discussing IP topics with business people in a clever, witty, and entertaining manner

- Is the Patent System Necessary for, or Detrimental to, Innovation and Economic Development of High Tech, IT and Software Technologies?

  ITechLaw 2013 European Conference, co-presented with Dr. Julian Potter, October 3, 2013

- Do you really own it? Copyrights in the Age of Cloud Computing

  Stites & Harbison, PLLC, Face to Face networking event, February 29, 2012

- One final lap on the fast track to clean tech U.S. patent protection

  Stites & Harbison, PLLC, Client Alert, December 19, 2011

- U.S. Intellectual Property Protection for Designs

  Stites & Harbison, PLLC, September 29, 2011

- Web 2.0 . . . Business Friend or Foe?

  Stites & Harbison, PLLC, Face to Face networking event, Alexandria, Va., May 25, 2011

- Biotechnology fuels drive for economic development

  Medical News, May 1, 2011

- Fast track to Clean tech US Patent protection gets green light to expand

  Stites & Harbison, PLLC, Client Alert, November 27, 2010

- Business Law

  University of Phoenix, teacher and faculty facilitator for both online as well as more traditional classroom instruction

- On the Webfront

  Contributor and participant in blog and weekly podcast dedicated to discussing topics pertinent to start-up technology companies, web sites, and software designers

- Protect Method of Doing Business

  Stites & Harbison, PLLC, January 1, 2007

- Can I Protect my Method of Doing Business?

  Financial Institutions Advisor, Vol. 2, No. 2, June 2004

- Compulsory Licensing Proposal for Surgical and Medical Procedure Patents

  article

FIRM LEADERSHIP

- Office of General Counsel, Member
- Recruiting Committee, Alexandria Office, Member

MEMBERSHIPS

- American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA)
- American Bar Association
- Ohio State Bar Association
- Virginia Biotechnology Association (VaBIO)
- International Technology Law Association (ITechLaw),
  - Substantive Law Intellectual Property Committee (past-Chairman)
  - Conference Steering Committee Member

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- So Others Might Eat (S.O.M.E.), Volunteer
- University of Dayton School of Law, Program in Law and Technology, Advisory Council
- University of Buffalo Ambassador Program, D.C. Region Captain

EDUCATION

- University of Dayton School of Law J.D., 1997
- State University of New York at Buffalo B.A., Biochemistry, *cum laude* 1991

BEFORE STITES & HARBISON

Mr. Weyer worked as a Molecular Biology Research Assistant at the University of Buffalo where he performed laboratory techniques including DNA sequencing, restriction mapping, monoclonal and polyclonal antibody production, bacterial metabolic analysis, purifying proteins and western analysis. He also co-authored two publications: Quinn, M.L., Weyer, S.J., Lewis, L.A., Dyer, D.W., Wagner, P.M., "Insertional inactivation of the gene from the menigococcal lactoferrin binding protein," *Microb. Pathog.*

17(4): 227-37, Oct. 1994; and, Wagner, P.M., Weyer, S.J. and Dyer, D.W., "Iron Uptake from Transferrin by Neisseria meningitidis," Annual meeting, American Society for Microbiology, 1993. Mr. Weyer was also the Director of Operations and an advanced E.M.T. at Baird Point Volunteer Ambulance Corps, Inc., an Advanced Life Support Ambulance company which served the University of Buffalo community. Mr. Weyer is the ITechLaw Intellectual Property Committee immediate past Chairman. He volunteers as a coordinator of S.O.M.E. (So Others Might Eat), a local Washington D.C. "soup kitchen" and is active in the civic projects of the University of Dayton Alumni Association, Washington, D.C., Chapter. He is the regional captain for the University of Buffalo D.C. Ambassador Program coordinating other local alumni to recruit high school students to attend the University, and he is a member of the Advisory Board in the Law and Technology Program at the University of Dayton Law School. Mr. Weyer enjoys outdoor recreational activities including cycling, kayaking, backyard basketball and taking his energetic chocolate Labrador ("Tobie") for runs along the Potomac River and on the George Washington Parkway bike path, as well as less "extreme" activities such as maintaining yard and landscaping around his home. He also enjoys strumming on his acoustic guitar and homebrewing.