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Practice Areas

 Intellectual Property

Biography

Steven L. Nichols has been involved with all aspects of intellectual property law for over 20 years. Steve entered the intellectual property field as a patent examiner at the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office. As an examiner, Steve handled hundreds of patent applications related to light detectors with the associated optics and circuitry. After two years at the Patent Office, Steve entered private practice, first as a patent agent and then as a registered patent attorney. Steve's practice has covered all areas of intellectual property law with an emphasis on drafting and prosecuting patent and trademark applications for major corporate clients.

Currently, Steve serves as an adjunct professor at Brigham Young University. Steve developed the curriculum for a course he teaches at the Fulton College of Engineering & Technology entitled "Fundamentals of Intellectual Property" and taught "eCommerce and Internet Law" at the J. Rueben Clark Law School at BYU. Steve also developed the curriculum for this course, which includes all aspects of legal practice relating to the internet including jurisdiction, intellectual property, electronic contracting and ethics.

Professional

U.S. Patent & Trademark Office, 1996 (Registration No. 40,326)
Virginia State Bar, October 1998
Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, 1998
District of Columbia Bar, September 1999
Rated AV by Martindale Hubbell
Named to the Utah Legal Elite, 2011 - 2015
Member, American Intellectual Property Law Association, from 1996
Utah State Bar, October 2000

Representative Projects

Successfully defended in re-examination a key portfolio of patents for Hewlett-Packard Co. on memristor technology. The memristor is a fundamental circuit element theorized since 1971, but not actually constructed until 2008, at HP Labs.

Provided representation for Charles (Chuck) Peddle, inventor of the first personal computer, as he patented a revolutionary way to store computer memory.

Prosecuted portfolio of patents for Hewlett-Packard on the ground-breaking technology of 3-D printing, or freeform fabrication, in which a real object is built, layer-by-layer, from electronic data.

Prosecuted portfolio of patents on implantable electrical stimulators to a variety of treat conditions including chronic nerve pain and migraine headaches. The client's current focus is on cochlear implants to restoring hearing function in deaf patients.

Education

B.A. of Science Degree Cum Laude in Applied Physics from Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah
J.D. with High Honors from the George Mason University School of Law in Arlington, Virginia.

Community Service

Co-chair, Planning Commission, Midway City, Utah
Venture Crew Advisor, Troop 274, Boy Scouts of America, 2012 - 2015
Former member, Midway City Boosters, Board of Directors