



**Steven Shipe is experienced in patent counseling at virtually all phases of development. Valued for his versatility and depth in handling critical patent issues, Steven's ability to match IP strategy to commercial goals aids him in striking the appropriate balance of protection and risk management.**

Steven's practice includes IP formation, rendering opinions, resolving litigation, developing commercial strategy, and advising on portfolio management. He handles virtually all aspects of patent matters before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, including patent formation and post-grant trials before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board.

Steven is adept at managing substantial portfolios for a wide array of clients, and has led post-grant trials to success amid the changing legal landscape. Steven is experienced in a range of technologies, including mechanical-electrical, materials, control systems and software innovations in various commercial areas such as medical devices, industrial equipment, mobile communications devices, telecommunications, data systems, automotive and textiles. He also has experience with consumer products such as outdoor lifestyle apparel and equipment.

In addition to his IP practice, Steven has significant background and experience in a variety of administrative law areas. He has actively participated in bid protests of government contract awards related to naval vessels. Steven has also authored white papers regarding environmental legal topics, with particular emphasis on the Administrative Procedure Act (APA).

Before joining Barnes & Thornburg, Steven worked as a patent examiner with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, handling technologies including engine control systems and thermodynamic power generation. He also served as a law clerk (rotational) to a lead administrative law judge in conducting inter partes review trials before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board. Prior to becoming an attorney, Steven worked as a technology specialist engineer with Bechtel Power Corporation in which he evaluated technical risk for emerging technologies.

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### BAR ADMISSIONS

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### PRACTICES

Construction

Data Security and Privacy

Emerging Companies and Venture  
Capital

Environmental, Social and Governance

Intellectual Property

Post-Grant and Inter Partes Review

### INDUSTRIES

Federal Contracting, Procurement and  
National Security

Motorsports

Renewable Energy

Telecommunications