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Stephen Smith is the chair of Cooley's intellectual property litigation practice. He brings 20+ years of first chair trial experience as a private practice and government litigator. Steve is an adjunct professor at George Mason University, where he teaches a course on patent law.

Steve has tried more than a dozen high-profile, complex disputes to verdict in a diverse range of industries. His expertise focuses on intellectual property litigation, including Section 337 investigations at the US International Trade Commission (ITC). Steve has acted as trial counsel in a number of district court patent infringement litigations, including a recent success for a leading consumer electronics company in a Northern District of California jury trial. His trial experience also includes favorable outcomes in the Eastern District of Texas, the Northern District of Illinois, and the Eastern District of Virginia.

Since joining Cooley in 2011, Steve has helped position Cooley as having one of the most sought out ITC Section 337 investigation practices in the country as was highlighted by Corporate Counsel's Section 337 Litigation survey. Prior to his private practice at the firm, Steve served as a senior investigative attorney with the ITC. During his time at the ITC, he was lead government counsel in numerous high-stakes trials impacting hundreds of millions of dollars of commerce.

Managing Intellectual Property has named Steve an IP Star for the past four years, earning the top ranking for his patent litigation work. Additionally, Legal 500 also praised his ITC Section 337 litigation experience.

Upon graduating from law school, Steve clerked for Justice Florence K. Murray of the Rhode Island Supreme Court, followed by a clerkship for Judge Robert W. Lovegreen of the US District Court, District of Rhode Island.

Steve is currently a member of the Executive Board for the ITC Trial Lawyers Association.

Education

George Washington University Law School
JD, 1994, cum laude

Villanova University
BA, 1991, summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa

Bar Admissions

District of Columbia

Massachusetts

Rhode Island

Virginia

Court Admissions

U.S. District Court, District of Columbia

U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit

U.S. District Court, District of Maryland

U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit

U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts

U.S. District Court, District of Rhode Island

Memberships

International Trade Commission Trial Lawyers Association