



## Steve Ritchey

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### PRACTICES

- Intellectual Property

### EDUCATION

- Saint Louis University School of Law, J.D., Cum Laude, 1998, Academic Achievement Award – Natural Resources Law
- Iowa State University, B.S. Ceramic Engineering, Dean's List, 1992, Ceramic Engineering Alumni Scholarship, 1990-1992

### ADMISSIONS

- Illinois
- Missouri
- United States Patent & Trademark Office

### AFFILIATIONS

- American Intellectual Property Law Association, Member, 1998-Present
- Bar Association of Missouri St. Louis, Member, 1998-Present
- American Ceramic Society, Member, 1988-Present
- Keramos, Member, 1990-Present

Steve advises clients on domestic and international patent applications and provides comprehensive counsel on licensing and technology transfer.

He has prepared and prosecuted patent applications both domestically and internationally. Additionally, Steve drafts and negotiates technology alliance and license agreements, and prepares opinion letters regarding infringement and validity issues and freedom to operate.

Steve's patent experience covers a broad range of technical disciplines, including food technology, agriscience, biotechnology, organic chemistry, fuel cell catalyst technology, rechargeable battery technology, silicon wafer technology, nuclear medical materials, polymer technology, solder alloys and metal plating technology.

### Recognitions

- Listed in "Best Lawyers in America®", 2016-2025 (by BL Rankings)

### Publications

- "Reengineering US patent law with the America Invents Act"; *American Ceramic Society – AcerS Bulletin*, May 2014
- "First-to-File Under the AIA: More Than a Race to the Patent Office"; *St. Louis ACC In-House Newsletter*, April 2014
- "Patent law fundamentals for innovators in the ceramic and glass industry"; *American Ceramic Society - ACerS Bulletin*, April 2014
- Comic: "How do patents really work to protect inventions?"; *American Ceramic Society - ACerS Bulletin*, April 2014
- "Thermal Shock Characteristics of Porcelain Enamelled Grates"; *Appliance Magazine*, pages 62-63, December 1994
- "Investigation of the Porcelain Enamelling of Die Cast Aluminum"; *Proceedings of the Porcelain Enamel Institute Technical Forum*, Volume 57, 1994

#### EMPLOYMENT

- Thompson Coburn LLP Partner, 2008-Present Associate, 2004-2007
- Senniger, Powers, Leavitt & Roedel Associate, 1997-2004
- Nelson, Bement, Stubblefield & Levenhagen Law Clerk, 1996-1997
- Evans & Dixon Law Clerk, 1995-1996
- Chi-Vit Corporation Manager of Frit Development, 1992-1995

#### COMMUNITY

- Gateway Off Road Cyclists, Member, 2004-Present
- Cliff Cave Park, Trail Steward, 2006-Present