

Stephen D. Adams

Shareholder



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Taking a personal interest in their businesses, I provide my clients with individualized attention and foster strong relationships that are built on trust.

Clients routinely look to Stephen Adams for counsel on various intellectual property matters, including patents, trademarks, and copyright preparation and prosecution, maintenance, defense, and enforcement. A registered patent attorney, he counsels clients throughout the country and abroad. For Stephen, it is important to learn his clients' businesses and their objectives while providing effective and cost-efficient legal solutions. He has represented individuals such as entrepreneurs and inventors, startups, as well as small and large corporations, governmental entities, and universities. His clients come from diverse industries, including the following industries: medical, strength and conditioning, entertainment, manufacturing, and renewable energy. For example, Stephen has recently worked with clients to obtain IP protection for road building and material processing machinery, safety devices and cargo carriers for all-terrain vehicles, adjustable squat rack assembly, electronics charging block, and water-powered turbine enclosure. Regardless of product type or industry, every client is important to Stephen. He takes a personal approach and is eager to see his clients succeed. For him, it is important to provide his clients a level of attention and care that you don't typically find from every attorney.

Experience

Prepared and successfully prosecuted patents in a broad range of technology areas, including strength equipment, mine safety systems, heavy construction equipment, audio processing, energy cycling apparatus, and renewable energy product

Successfully represented a strength equipment manufacturer in asserting patent infringement against a number of competitors and then negotiating favorable licensing arrangements in settlement of those claims

Services

- Chambliss Startup Group
- Copyrights
- Intellectual Property
- Intellectual Property and Media Litigation
- License and Manufacturing Agreements
- Patents
- Software, Website, and Domain Names
- Trade Secrets
- Trademarks, Service Marks, and Trade Names

Industries

- 3D Printing and Additive Manufacturing
- Automotive
- Communications, Technologies, and Utilities
- Construction
- Electronic, Medical, and Other Devices
- Food and Beverage
- Health and Wellness
- Manufacturing
- Software
- Startups and Emerging Companies
- Transportation and Logistics

Represented international food organization in the acquisition, maintenance, and worldwide protection of certification marks

Successfully represented department store in asserting trademark infringement related to a competitor's use of a confusingly similar mark and in negotiating a favorable settlement agreement

Representative Clients:

- [Arsenal Strength LLC](#)
- [Audiohand](#)
- [Auxbus](#)
- [Gatlinburg Space Needle](#)
- [Harmony Family Center](#)
- [Quantum Lock](#)
- [Winter Innovations](#)

Associations

Professional

- Tennessee Intellectual Property Law Association (TIPLA), Member
- Chattanooga Technology Council, Board of Directors
- Early Innovators Award Selection Committee Member

Bar Associations

- American Bar Association
- Tennessee Bar Association
- Tennessee Bar Association Leadership Law Program, 2020
- Chattanooga Bar Association
- National Bar Association

Pro Bono

- Tennessee PATENTS Pro Bono Assistance Program, Patent Attorney Member

Noteworthy

- Leadership Chattanooga, 2023 Class
- Chambers USA – Intellectual Property, Up and Coming, 2021-2023
- *Best Lawyers in America*, Patent Law, 2024-2025
- *Best Lawyers in America: Ones to Watch*, Intellectual Property Law, Patent Law
- *Mid-South Super Lawyers*, Mid-South Rising Stars, Intellectual Property, 2018-2024
- Giles Sutherland Rich Patent Moot Court, National Champion, 2010
- Order of Barristers, University of Tennessee College of Law, 2011
- Alpha Phi Alpha, Member

Community

- Habitat for Humanity of Greater Chattanooga, Executive Committee, Governance Chair

Admissions

- Tennessee
- Eastern District of Tennessee
- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Education

- J.D., The University of Tennessee College of Law, 2011
- B.S., The University of Tennessee, 2008

- FIRST robotics competition, Judge, 2013, 2016

Sidebar

Stephen is a native of Chattanooga and graduate of Chattanooga Christian School. He lived in Knoxville for 15 years while earning engineering and law degrees from the University of Tennessee and practicing law and has recently returned to the Chattanooga area with his family. He and his wife, who is also an engineer, enjoy spending time with their two beautiful daughters. The family enjoys trips to Disney, where Stephen and his wife were married. Outside of work, Stephen is a tinkerer and a (sometimes) successful trier of new things. He also enjoys reading, attending church, and cooking.