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A registered U.S. patent attorney and former engineer and program manager, Stephen Thomas is a shareholder in the firm's Intellectual Property Group. In this role, he advises clients, many of whom have global IP portfolios and product placement, in a variety of markets.

Stephen provides his clients with a full spectrum of guidance regarding:

- IP licensing and royalty strategy
- Technology law
- IP acquisition strategies
- IP enforcement and litigation
- Corporate and transactional matters
- Corporate compliance
- Building and maintaining an enforceable IP asset portfolio
- Teaming/partnering strategies for global product roll-out
- Time-phased product and software development
- Joint ventures
- Agreements for engineering services
- Subcontractor management
- Supply chain management

In addition, he is engaged in prosecuting numerous patent and trademark applications before the USPTO and actively manages foreign patent and trademark filings in numerous foreign jurisdictions including jurisdictions in North America, Europe, Asia, Africa, and South America.

Stephen has defended challenged patents under the Inter Partes Review (IPR) rules at the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) as well as challenged and defended trademarks at

the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board (TTAB).

An experienced litigator, Stephen has enforced intellectual property claims against Fortune 100 companies, as well as numerous general business and contract related matters, in both the Federal and state courts. He is also a frequent lecturer in IP and business matters for Central Florida business incubators, universities and other organizations.

ADMISSIONS

- Middle District of Florida
- The Florida Bar, 2003
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 11th Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit
- United States Patent and Trademark Office

EDUCATION

- Barry University Dwayne O. Andreas School Of Law (J.D., magna cum laude)
- Florida Institute of Technology Melbourne, Florida (B.S. in Electrical Engineering (B.S.E.E.))

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- Florida Tech College of Business Advisory Board, Chair
- FIT Women's Business Center (WBC) Board of Directors past Chair
- Founders Forum Board of Directors, Former Chair
- The Economic Development Commission (EDC) of Florida's Space Coast Board of Directors

RECOGNITION

- Congressional Recognition as FIT Women's Business Center (WBC) Board of Directors past Chair
- Honorary Member, Delta Mu Delta International Honor Society in Business

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

- The Florida Bar Association
- Brevard County Bar Association
- Florida Supreme Court Certified Court Mediator

ARTICLES

- [Machines Inventing Machines: Can AI Be an Inventor?](#), Lowndes, November 8, 2022