

Partner

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Profile

“I came to Fitch Even for the same reason I’ve stayed—because of the firm’s unwavering commitment to provide high-quality work product and exceptional client service.”

Steven M. Freeland practices in all areas of intellectual property law, focusing primarily on the development, protection, and management of intellectual property. Steve assists clients with sophisticated patent portfolio management and the prosecution of complex patents, helping them to manage their patent assets using strategies tailored to further their business objectives.

In addition, Steve has extensive experience in providing clients with complex opinions concerning freedom-to-operate, patent validity, and patentability.

Steve’s clients range from individual inventors and small technology-based companies to large multinational corporations who benefit from his background in electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, and chemistry.

He has served clients in a wide spectrum of industries, including these:

- Complex business and retail management
- Irrigation and irrigation control
- Wireless communication
- Unmanned vehicles
- Wireless device applications
- Wafer processing
- Software
- E-commerce and internet-based businesses
- Signal processing
- Aerospace technology
- Entertainment technologies
- Electronic gaming
- Image processing
- Optics and other technology areas

After earning his Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from Brigham Young University, Steve worked as an engineer for a leading chip

Education

J.D., University of San Diego, 1998

B.S., Electrical Engineering, Minor in Chemistry, Brigham Young University, 1992

Bar Admissions

California

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Services

International IP Protection

IP Portfolio Management

IP Strategy Development

Patent Preparation + Prosecution

Product Clearance + Legal Opinions

Industries

Computer Software + Hardware

Electronics

Environmental Engineering

Internet + E-Commerce

Mechanical Engineering + Manufacturing

design analysis company providing software to evaluate and confirm complex chip design and timing.

Steve is a member of Fitch Even's Marketing and Client Development Committee.

Representative Matters

- Represents a top Fortune 50 company in developing and managing a global patent portfolio in a wide variety of technology areas related to retail management, distribution, and delivery.
- Represents large global electronics companies in preparing and filing numerous patent applications throughout the world directed to consumer electronics and video gaming technologies.
- Advised a small venture client in identifying key technologies in expanding a patent portfolio and counseled and supported the successful litigation, licensing, and sale of the patent portfolio.
- Represents an entertainment industry company in identifying and procuring an extensive international patent portfolio in the distribution of multimedia content.
- Represents a worldwide leader in irrigation technology in preparing and acquiring numerous domestic and international patents.
- Represents an e-commerce company in protecting their core technology.
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Memberships

- California Bar Association
- San Diego County Bar Association
- San Diego Intellectual Property Law Association