



## Steven D. Lawrenz

PARTNER

### EDUCATION

University of Illinois  
College of Law  
J.D. 1992

Engineering at Illinois  
Computer Science  
B.S., with highest honors, 1989

### INDUSTRIES

AI, Machine Learning & Robotics  
Software & Internet

### PRACTICES

Patent  
Strategic Counseling

### BAR ADMISSIONS

Washington  
United States Patent  
and Trademark Office

### COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. Court of Appeals for the  
Federal Circuit  
U.S. District Court for the  
Western District of  
Washington

### BACKGROUND

Steve Lawrenz works with his clients to develop highly-strategic patent portfolios in computer software, artificial intelligence, and Internet technologies, both in the US and abroad, with a special emphasis on avoiding subject matter eligibility issues. He evaluates third-party patent portfolios to counsel on avoiding patent infringement, and advises on the merits of acquiring particular patent assets. Additionally, Steve mines client patent portfolios to identify assets for licensing and enforcement, patent infringement counterclaims, and divestment. He is an authority on Patent Trial and Appeal Board procedures—particularly appeals from examiners' rejections—and is experienced at preparing and prosecuting design patent applications, both for user interface elements and physical articles.

### HONORS AND AWARDS

- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*®, 2016-2024
- Top Rated AV Preeminent™ IP Lawyer, Martindale-Hubbell®, 2005-2023
- Recommended, *IAM Patent 1000*, Prosecution: Washington, 2013-2023
- Selected to *Washington Super Lawyers*®, 2007-2009
- Selected to *Washington Rising Stars*®, 2003, 2005 and 2006

### EXPERIENCE

Before law school, Steve worked as a software developer for IBM. After beginning his legal career at Seed IP, Steve helped to found Perkins Coie's patent procurement practice; while a partner at that firm, he served as Technology Committee chair.

### AFFILIATIONS

Steve is admitted to the Washington State Bar and is registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. He is a member of the Washington State Patent Law Association. Steve is admitted to practice in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit and the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington. He serves on the University of Illinois College of Law Seattle Alumni Chapter board.