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Bio

Steve is a U.S.-qualified attorney (California, USPTO) based who advises global technology companies on complex cross-border intellectual property, privacy, regulatory, and litigation matters at the intersection of law, engineering, and policy.

Steve brings over 24 years of experience helping U.S. and international companies protect, enforce, and defend high-value technologies in demanding regulatory environments.

Steve's practice encompasses international patent litigation and prosecution strategy, privacy protection regulatory matters (including regulatory investigations and compliance advisory), automobile safety and emissions certification compliance, and administrative litigation. Steve regularly handles matters involving advanced technical systems, including semiconductor manufacturing processes, smart device operating systems, automotive software (OBD, EDR, ADAS), EV battery management systems, and vehicle emissions technologies.

After practicing at several US law firms, Steve joined Kim & Chang in 2008 as a Foreign Legal Consultant, where he works closely with engineers, in-house counsel, and regulators to translate complex technical issues into effective legal strategies and practical compliance solutions.

Steve has particular experience in matters requiring coordination between international and Korean legal, regulatory, and technical teams, and frequently serves as a bridge between multinational clients and local regulators in cross-border disputes and investigations.

Experience

- Kim & Chang (2008-Present)
- The Soni Law Firm (2005-2008)
- Garrett & Tully (2003-2005)
- Stetina Brunda Garred & Brucker (2001-2003)

- Co-founder and Lead Programmer, Celerus Systems (1996-1998)

Representative Activities

Awards

- IAM Patent 1000 - The World's Leading Patent Professionals (IAM, 2021-2025)

Publications/Activities

- Lexology Panoramic - Automotive & Mobility 2025 (Co-author, Law Business Research, 2025)
- Speaker, "Copyright Challenges for Generative AI, Seoul AI Policy Conference 2024, Seoul, South Korea, August 13, 2024.
- Speaker, "Navigating IP Challenges in the Asian Automotive Landscape," Auto IP & Legal World Summit 2024, Munich, Germany, March 5-6, 2024.
- Speaker, "Korean Data Privacy Law Update," AsiaDPO Workshop, Singapore, May 9, 2023.
- "Lexology Getting the Deal Through – Automotive 2022: Korea Chapter" (Law Business Research, 2022)
- "Patent Protection of Computer Program Inventions" (Co-author, ILO Intellectual Property Newsletter, 2016)
- "Patents in Asia 2015: South Korea," Si Yul Lee, Stephen T Bang, Ho Yeon Lee, Intellectual Asset Management Magazine, Issue 74, pp.133-136, November/December 2015.
- "How to Prepare for Korean Patent Litigation," Managing Intellectual Property, April 28, 2014.
- "Courts Act to Strengthen Patent Protection," 2014 IP Value: Building and Enforcing Intellectual Property Value, 12th Edition, IAM pp.126-31.
- Webinar: South Korea's Legal Framework and Patent Enforcement, James Nurton (MIP), J. Kenneth Oh (LG Display), Duck Soon Chang (Kim & Chang), Stephen Bang (Kim & Chang), February 13, 2014.
- Speaking Engagement: "Cyber Crime in South Korea," 19th International Association of Korean Lawyers (IAKL) Annual Conference, Seoul, South Korea (2013).
- "Patent law amendment: Extension of Safe Harbour Grace Period for Novelty," Co-Author: Hyejung Lee, International Law Office (ILO), June 25, 2012.
- "Supreme Court Recognizes Compensation to Employee for Work-for-hire Invention as Co-inventor," Co-Author: Hyejung Lee, Lexology / Association of Corporate Counsel, April 9, 2012.
- "Development Regarding the Application of Competition Law to the Licensing of Patents - Promulgation of Guidelines for Fair Patent License Agreements," Co-Author: Ji-Eun Kim, Lexology, April 9, 2012.
- "Remunerating Work-For-Hire Inventions in South Korea," Co-Author: Ju Young Kim, Managing Intellectual Property, May 30, 2011.
- "A Six-Month Safe Harbor For Novelty-Destroying Events," Co-Author: Hyung-Geun Ji, New Matter / Intellectual Property Law Section of the State Bar of California, January 1, 2011, New Matter, Volume 35, Number 4, pp7-10.
- "Revisions to the Korean Patent Act to Be Implemented Based on Patent Law Treaty," Co-Author: Katie Kuidong Lee, World Intellectual Property Report (BNA), January 6, 2011.
- "KIPO Introduces New Patent Rules," Co-Author: Jack Eui-Hwan Jung, Managing Intellectual Property, September 8, 2008.
- "Supreme Court Rules on Numerical Limitation Invention," Co-Author: Hyung-Geun Ji, International Law Office (ILO), October 25, 2010.

- "KIPO's PCT Popularity," Co-Author: Jack Eui-Hwan Jung, Managing Intellectual Property, February 1, 2009.
- "Forfeiture of Computer Equipment: Preventing Criminals from Getting Back to Work," McGeorge Law Review, 31 McGeorge L. Rev. 253 (2000).
- "Trigger Locks and Warning Labels on Firearms Become a Reality," McGeorge Law Review, 31 McGeorge L. Rev. 265 (2000).

Profile

Education

- University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law (J.D. 2001)
- Intellectual Property Concentration Certificate (2001)
- McGeorge Law Review, Managing Editor (2000-2001)
- McGeorge Law Review, Legislative Review Staff Writer (1999-2000)
- The Transnational Lawyer, Comment Staff Writer (1999-2000)
- University of California, Irvine (B.A. 1996)

Qualifications

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, 2007
- State Bar of California, 2001
- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, 2001

Languages

- English and Korean

Areas of Expertise

Patent & Utility Model, US, Intellectual Property Dispute, Automotive, Aerospace & Transportation, Electrical & Semiconductors, Computers & Software, Telecommunications & ICT (IP) , IP Administrative Action & Appeal, Trade Secret & Corporate Information Protection, Technology, Media & Telecommunications, Privacy & Data Security, IP Due Diligence, Licensing & IP Transactions, IP Counseling, Portfolio Management & Strategy

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