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Steven Hartsell is an experienced litigator and registered patent attorney who represents clients on both sides of the docket in high-stakes patent litigation and post-grant proceedings nationwide. His practice is grounded in an earlier career as a research engineer in advanced materials and semiconductor technology, giving him a deep technical footing for complex disputes.

Steven's litigation practice spans federal courts across the country and covers a broad range of industries, including semiconductors, telecommunications, mobile devices, televisions, distributed computing systems, software, medical devices, and consumer electronics. As part of the trial team in *IPA Technologies Inc. v. Microsoft Corp.*, he helped secure a \$242 million jury verdict (reported as the third-largest patent verdict in Delaware history) and he has obtained additional wins in both district court and before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB).

An experienced advocate in IPR proceedings, Steven has a track record of results before the PTAB, including multiple denials of institution and favorable Final Written Decisions for his clients. His practice also includes related appeals to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

Before entering the legal profession, Steven put his B.S. in Materials Science and Engineering from Georgia Tech to work as a research engineer, developing



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combustion chemical vapor deposition (CCVD) technologies and performing advanced materials characterization. He later supported leading semiconductor manufacturers, including Texas Instruments, as an applications engineer. That technical foundation allows him to communicate effectively with inventors, experts, and judges in even the most complex technical disputes.

Associations

Dallas Bar Association
Federal Bar Association

Awards

The Best Lawyers in America – Patent Law (2024-2026)

