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## Patent: Mechanical

Attorneys at Steptoe & Johnson LLP appreciate that innovations in mechanical engineering come both large and small. Our patent attorneys draw upon backgrounds in materials science, fluid and solid mechanics, dynamics, robotics and controls, thermal sciences, transport, and engineering design, and are well-acquainted with the industries traditionally associated with mechanical engineering:

- Aerospace technologies
- Transportation systems
- Power generation
- Biomedical devices and imaging
- Materials and processes in manufacturing, including semiconductor technologies
- Building materials and infrastructure systems
- Consumer products

We also bring to bear our patent attorneys' substantial backgrounds in the ever-advancing technological worlds associated with:

- Thin film science
- Microfluidics
- NEMS/MEMS and nano/micro-technology
- "Smart" materials and structures
- Superconducting systems
- Optics
- Lasers

Representative engagements undertaken by Steptoe attorneys include:

- Patent clearance opinions for domestic and international clients selling products in the United States
- Strategic counseling and world-wide patent portfolio development in light of competitive forces in the market

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- License negotiation and preparation
- Offensive and defensive litigation