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Areas of Practice

- E-Commerce/Internet
- Insurance & Reinsurance
- Intellectual Property
- IP Litigation
- Litigation
- Patent Litigation
- Products Liability,
Pharmaceutical & Mass
Tort Litigation
- Section 337/ITC Litigation
- Telecom, Internet & Media
- Trademark
- Trademark Litigation

Education

Harvard Law School, J.D.,
 1989, Executive Editor,
*Harvard Civil Rights-Civil
 Liberties Law Review*

Brown University, B.A.,
magna cum laude, 1985

Bar & Court Admissions

- District of Columbia
- California

Steven J. Barber

Steve Barber is a litigation partner in the firm's Washington, DC office. He focuses on high stakes intellectual property, mass tort and insurance litigation. He has substantial first chair trial experience and has tried cutting edge patent and trademark infringement cases (including Section 337 cases at the ITC), complex toxic tort and mass tort cases, a major insurance coverage case, and many other types of cases. He also serves as national trial and coordinating counsel for a large American corporation contesting thousands of mass tort cases pending in multiple jurisdictions.

Intellectual Property

Mr. Barber's intellectual property practice focuses on patent, trademark, copyright, and unfair competition litigation. He has tried IP cases in federal district court and at the United States International Trade Commission (Section 337). He has handled multi-district patent infringement litigation, as well as patent infringement cases in "rocket dockets" such as the US District Court for the Eastern District of Texas and the US District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. Mr. Barber has also litigated patent-based and trademark-based Section 337 cases at the ITC. His IP clients range from Internet start-up companies to established manufacturers in heavy industries.

Mass Tort, Insurance and Reinsurance

Mr. Barber's mass tort practice centers on his role as national trial and coordinating counsel for a major American corporation litigating concealment, conspiracy and other tort claims arising out of the corporation's historic investigative efforts, research, and publications on various industrial chemicals. Mr. Barber has taken cases to trial, and has supervised thousands of pleadings, motions, discovery activities, and pretrial filings. Through aggressive dispositive motions practice and trial, Mr. Barber and the Steptoe team have prevailed in hundreds of cases in some of the most challenging jurisdictions in the United States.

Mr. Barber has represented several of the world's largest insurance and reinsurance companies in coverage litigation. Early in his career he focused on environmental coverage litigation, and obtained a defense verdict in a major environmental coverage case involving hundreds of millions of dollars of claimed damages. In recent years, Mr. Barber has expanded his insurance practice to include other types of first and third party liability coverage litigation, as well as reinsurance litigation.

Select Seminars & Events

Unfair Acts and Unfair Competition: Enforcing Intellectual Property Rights at the Border through Section 337, October 30, 2008, (*A Steptoe-Sponsored Event*)

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Selected Publications

Effects of the America Invents Act on International Trade Commission Section 337 Proceedings
December 13, 2011

Motions to Compel Plant Inspections Are Not Automatically Granted in ITC Section 337 Proceedings
October 24, 2011

Balancing Funding by Role Reduction for OUII in ITC 337 Cases
August 4, 2011