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Areas of Practice

- Intellectual Property
- IP Due Diligence
- IP Licensing
- IP Litigation
- Patent
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- Patent: Electronics & Software
- Section 337/ITC Litigation
- Trade Secrets
- Trademark
- Trademark Litigation

Education

- University of Iowa College of Law, J.D., with honors, 1977, Editor, *Iowa Law Review*
- Iowa State University, B.S., Electrical Engineering, with distinction, 1972

Bar & Court Admissions

- Illinois
- Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- Trial Bar of the Northern District of Illinois

Stanley A. Schlitter

Stanley A. Schlitter is a partner in the Chicago office of Steptoe & Johnson LLP, where he is a member of the Intellectual Property practice group. Mr. Schlitter’s practice primarily focuses on the areas of intellectual property litigation, counseling, and transactions. Mr. Schlitter is AV Peer Review Rated, Martindale-Hubbell’s highest peer recognition for ethical standards and legal ability.

Mr. Schlitter currently represents or recently has represented clients in patent infringement suits in federal courts and at the International Trade Commission involving liquid crystal displays, semiconductor devices, electronic circuitry, an electronic exchange operating on the Internet, writable DVDs, computers, DRAMs, refrigerator shelves, and agricultural equipment, among other technologies. In non-patent litigation, he has represented clients in matters involving trademark infringement and unfair competition, trade secret misappropriation, breach of contract, and involving power plant circuit protection and nuclear power plant technology, in addition to other matters and technologies.

Mr. Schlitter counsels clients regarding patents for a wide range of products and technologies, including semiconductor devices, electronics, computer hardware and software, e-commerce business methods, electrical and mechanical equipment, and manufacturing machinery. In addition, he maintains a transactional practice that includes the transfer and licensing of intellectual property, including in connection with corporate acquisitions.

Prior to attending law school, for two years Mr. Schlitter was an electrical engineer at Boeing Aerospace Co. in Seattle, Washington.

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*)

Selected Publications

Business Method Patents in the Wake of Bilski
 March 2010, *Executive View’s Intellectual Property 2010 Digital Guide*

Two Hurdles Faced by Business-Method Patents: Tying the Invention to a Particular Machine and Indefiniteness
 August 27, 2009, *IP Law360*

Federal Circuit Review of Markman Issues (2004)
 May 10, 2005

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Patent Infringement Warnings from the Patentee's Perspective, International Legal Strategy, VI-3
1997

Effects of Markman on Patent Cases Tried to Juries, International Legal Strategy, V-11
1996

Professional Affiliations

American Bar Association

American Intellectual Property Law Association

Chicago Bar Association

District of Columbia Bar

Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers

Intellectual Property Law Association of Chicago