Intellectual property is among a company’s most valuable competitive assets, and as such, Steptoe’s registered patent lawyers structure IP protection programs to both safeguard ideas as well as contribute to a company’s overall strategic position.

Our full-scope patent practice develops and enforces patent portfolios in the United States and coordinates the development and enforcement of patents internationally in the following core practice areas:

- Electronics
- Software
- Pharmaceuticals and Biotechnology
- Chemistry
- Materials Science
- Nanotechnology
- Mechanical
- Business Methods

Grounded with a thorough knowledge of IP law that is bolstered by practical experience in academia and industry, our lawyers are able to skillfully guide clients through all phases of patent and technology protection:

- Counseling
- Strategic portfolio building – in the United States and internationally
- Prosecuting patent applications before the USPTO
- Post-grant proceedings (IPR/CBM/PGR)
- Due diligence investigations
- Clearance and freedom to operate studies
- Patent audits and portfolio assessments
- Defensive and offensive patent strategies, including litigation
- Litigation, including Section 337 actions
- Validity and infringement opinions

Beyond traditional legal counsel, we also work with clients to create an intellectual property asset-driven culture within their organizations. This entails engaging executive, new business, product development and manufacturing teams and other employees likely to create innovative ideas, and educating them as to how to identify possible patentable innovations. This collaborative, proactive counsel plus employee approach results in stronger and more cost-effective IP protection.

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