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A registered U.S. patent attorney and former engineer and program manager, **Stephen Thomas** is a shareholder in the firm's Intellectual Property Group. In this role, he advises clients, many of whom have global IP portfolios and product placement, in a variety of markets.

Stephen provides his clients with a full spectrum of guidance regarding:

- Licensing and royalty strategy
- Technology law
- IP acquisition strategies
- IP enforcement and litigation
- Corporate and transactional matters; due diligence
- IP and business litigation
- Building and maintaining an enforceable IP asset portfolio
- Teaming/partnering strategies for global product roll-out
- Time-phased product and software development
- Joint ventures
- Agreements for engineering services
- Subcontractor management
- Supply chain management
- Technology transfer and licensing

In addition, he is engaged in prosecuting numerous patent and trademark applications before the USPTO and actively manages foreign patent and trademark filings in numerous foreign jurisdictions including jurisdictions in North America, Europe, Asia, Africa, and South America.

Stephen has defended challenged patents under the Inter Partes Review (IPR) rules at the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) as well as challenged and defended trademarks at the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board (TTAB).

Practices & Industries

Alternative Dispute Resolution
Aviation & Aerospace
Capital Markets & Technology
Copyrights
Corporate
Cybersecurity & Privacy
Intellectual Property
Intellectual Property Litigation
IP Licensing & Transfer
Mergers & Acquisitions
Patents
Supply Chain Management
Technology
Telecommunications
Trade Secrets
Trademarks

Admissions

Florida
U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit
U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Education

- Barry University Dwayne O. Andreas School Of Law, J.D.,

An experienced litigator, Stephen has enforced intellectual property claims against Fortune 100 companies, as well as numerous general business and contract related matters, in both the Federal and state courts in numerous states. He is also a frequent lecturer in IP and business matters for Central Florida business incubators, universities and other organizations.

magna cum laude

- Florida Institute of Technology
Melbourne, Florida, B.S. in
Electrical Engineering (B.S.E.E.)

Recognitions

- Awesome Attorneys, *Orlando Family Magazine*, 2025
- *The Best Lawyers in America* guide, Copyright Law, 2025
- Honorary Member, Delta Mu Delta International Honor Society in Business

Community Activities

- Florida Tech College of Business Advisory Board, Chair
- Congressional Recognition as Florida Tech Women's Business Center (WBC) Board of Directors, past Chair
- FIT Women's Business Center (WBC) Board of Directors, past Chair
- Founders Forum Board of Directors, Former Chair
- The Economic Development Commission (EDC) of Florida's Space Coast Board of Directors

Professional Certifications & Memberships

- United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) Patent Bar
- American Intellectual Property Association
- Florida Bar Business Law Section IP Law Committee
- Florida Supreme Court Certified Circuit Court Mediator
- The Florida Bar Association
- Brevard County Bar Association

News

17 Lowndes Attorneys Named to *Orlando Family Magazine's* "Awesome Attorneys 2025"

02.13.2025 | AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Best Lawyers Recognizes 59 Lowndes Attorneys in 2025, One Named Lawyer of the Year

08.15.2024 | AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Lowndes Prosecutes Patent for SwiftPaws' Innovative Pet Exercise Product

04.29.2020 | PRESS RELEASE

Shareholder Stephen Thomas Appointed Chair of the Florida Tech College of Business Advisory Board
12.11.2019 | PRESS RELEASE

Meet Our Melbourne Attorneys
01.28.2019 | FIRM NEWS

Shareholder Stephen Thomas Certified as Florida Supreme Court Certified Circuit Court Mediator
06.15.2018 | PRESS RELEASE

Stephen Thomas Appointed Chair of Founders Forum Board of Directors
07.21.2017 | PRESS RELEASE

Four Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed Attorneys Promoted To Shareholder In 2017
02.01.2017 | FIRM NEWS

Speaking Engagements

Unlocking Business Growth and Efficiency: Strategies for Scaling Success
10.17.2023 | CONFERENCE

Mix & Mitigate: Mastering Contract Management Technology & Craft Cocktails
09.14.2023 | EVENTS

Florida Tech College of Business' 2022 Innovation Challenge
11.15.2022 | EVENTS

Publications

On Again, Off Again: FinCEN's New Interim Final Rule on the Corporate Transparency Act – U.S. Entities and Citizens Exempt from Reporting Requirements
04.03.2025 | ARTICLE

When the Machine Becomes the Creator: Artificial Intelligence v. the Human Creator Requirements of U.S. Copyright Law
03.18.2025 | ARTICLE

FTC's Federal Ban on Non-Competes
04.24.2024 | THE EMPLOYER LAWYERS BLOG

Tap Into the Foreseeable Future with GlobeChek to Decrease Future Illness
08.01.2023 | PODCASTS

Innovation on the Green: Precision Putting with The Grail
07.25.2023 | PODCASTS

Machines Inventing Machines: Can AI Be an Inventor?
11.08.2022 | ARTICLE

Who Owns Your Invention: Beware of Contract Language
12.01.2021 | ARTICLE

Changing the Game: SwiftPaws Innovates a Dog's Backyard Chase
09.08.2021 | PODCASTS

Farm Bill Does Not Save Hemp Trademark Application

06.23.2020 | ARTICLE

USPTO Allows Petitions for Prioritized Examination of COVID-19 Trademark Applications

06.16.2020 | ARTICLE

Here's What You Need To Know About Protecting Trade Secrets

01.15.2020 | ARTICLE

Inventors Rights Act Could Significantly Change Patent Ownership Strategy

12.19.2019 | ARTICLE

Protect Your Brand – Benefits of Federal Trademark Registration

01.29.2019 | ARTICLE

Seven Key Steps When Thinking About IP Due Diligence in Corporate Transactions

01.28.2019 | ARTICLE

Protecting Kids' Information Under The Coppa Cabana

11.02.2017 | ARTICLE