



## Steven Avena

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**Steve is a patent attorney who assists clients by drafting and prosecuting patent applications, performing freedom-to-operate analysis, and preparing and evaluating demand letters. Steve also assists clients in instituting and defending post-grant proceedings before the USPTO.**

Steve is a member of a large team of patent attorneys, agents, and engineers assisting sophisticated clients with managing and protecting their patent portfolios in fields including wireless communications, semiconductor devices, cloud-based services, flexible packaging, mechanical systems, and outdoor products. In addition to drafting and prosecuting patents, Steve has experience with prosecuting and obtaining standards-essential patents and with identifying standards applicability for issued patents. Additionally, Steve assists clients with performing freedom-to-operate analysis, preparing and evaluating demand letters related to infringing activity, and performing invalidity analysis. As lead counsel, Steve has also guided strategy and prepared filings in post-grant proceedings before the USPTO.

### PRACTICES

Intellectual Property  
Patent Preparation, Prosecution, and  
Counseling

### INDUSTRIES

Fitness and Outdoor Recreation

### EDUCATION

University of Utah S.J. Quinney College  
of Law, J.D., 2019

University of Colorado at Boulder, M.S.,  
2014

Electrical Engineering

Lehigh University, B.S., 2012

Electrical Engineering

### BAR ADMISSIONS

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Colorado

### EXPERIENCE

#### Preparation and Prosecution

- Domestic and international patent preparation and prosecution
- Patent portfolio development and management
- Standards-related patents

#### Opinions and Counseling

- Patent infringement and validity analysis
- Non-infringement/invalidity opinions

#### Technologies

- Electrical/Electronic/Computer Science:  
Wireless telecommunications, standards-based technologies,  
control systems, communication systems, networks, computer  
software