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Experience

Stephen Beney is a partner with Bereskin & Parr LLP. He is the Head of the Mississauga office and leads the Medical Devices practice group. He is also a member of the firm's Executive Committee.

Stephen works with clients to assess IP needs, and has helped to secure patents for a diverse array of clients, including start-ups, small- to medium-sized enterprises, major multinational companies and university researchers. Stephen has been proven valuable to his clients in securing their patent rights in diverse technologies, including: automotive; medical devices and imaging systems; electronic devices; communication systems; video and signal processing systems; mass spectrometry; solar power devices and systems; fuel cell technology; internet systems; business methods; and cleantech devices and systems. He advises on IP management and strategic planning and has prepared many patentability opinions, as well as infringement and validity opinions.

In addition to his extensive patent work, Stephen has experience in preparing and prosecuting industrial design applications.

In 2016, Stephen was elected the President of the Intellectual Property Institute of Canada (IPIC) at its 90th Annual Meeting. After having spent two years on IPIC Council, in 2014 Stephen was appointed to the Executive Council as Secretary, and in 2015 was elected as the Vice President. In addition to his leadership role, Stephen is a member of the Institute's Patent Legislation, Professional Regulation and Information Technology committees. Stephen also served as a member of the Patent Agents Examining Board.

Due to his extensive experience, Stephen was selected by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office as one of a handful of professionals across Canada to participate in the government's Modernizing the IP Community Initiative.

Practice Groups

Artificial Intelligence (AI)
Automotive
Cleantech
Electrical & Computer Technology
Financial Technology
Industrial Designs
Mechanical & Industrial Processes
Medical Devices
Oil & Gas
Patents
Trademarks

Education

B.Sc. (Physics), University of Toronto, 1982

Qualifications

Registered United States Patent Agent, 1998
Registered Canadian Trademark Agent, 1998
Registered Canadian Patent Agent, 1997

Professional Memberships

American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA)
Intellectual Property Institute of Canada (IPIC), Fellow
International Federation of Intellectual Property Attorneys (FICPI)
Toronto Intellectual Property Group (TIPG)



Stephen has authored and co-authored many articles on patent law. Stephen has also spoken on patent law at seminars and conferences in Canada, the United States and the United Kingdom.

Stephen has contributed extensively to patent education in Canada. He has been lecturing and tutoring for the annual IPIC-McGill University Patent Course for several years, and is a past Director of that course. Stephen has also been lecturing and tutoring for the annual IPIC Patent Agent Training Course, both the Drafting & Prosecution Module and the Infringement & Validity Module.

Recent Articles

- A Practical Guide to the transition to Canada's new Patent Act and Rules Part IV
- A Practical Guide to the transition to Canada's new Patent Act and Rules Part II
- Inventorship in the Age of AI
- Going Global? Some Practical Patent Considerations
- Proposed New Canadian Industrial Design Regulations: Our Detailed Review – Part 2

Accolades

- 22 Bereskin & Parr Professionals Listed in the Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory 2019
- Bereskin & Parr professionals achieve outstanding ranking results in the 2018 Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory
- *Who's Who Legal: Canada 2017*
- Stephen Beney Elected President of IPIC