

Gregory A. Stobbs

Professional Experience

Mr. Stobbs has practiced intellectual property law for nearly 30 years at Harness Dickey. His experience prior to joining the firm includes work as a patent attorney for Sperry Corporation (Univac Computer) in New York, and prior to that as a civil and criminal prosecuting attorney in Ohio, where he gained extensive first-chair jury trial experience.

Author and Public Speaker

Mr. Stobbs is the author of three leading patent law treatises: Software Patents, Business Method Patents, both focusing primarily on U.S. patent law; and Software Patents Worldwide, which focuses on patent law throughout the World and which is distributed internationally.

- Software Patents Worldwide
- Software Patents - 2nd Edition
- Business Method Patents

Mr. Stobbs is also an internationally recognized speaker who has delivered presentations on patent law topics in Washington D.C., Brussels, Tokyo and other venues. In addition to his books, Mr. Stobbs has published numerous articles and given seminars on a variety of intellectual property law topics. A representative sample includes:

- Seminar: USA after Bilski – UNION of European Practitioners – Brussels 2011
- 步步为营—应对 337 调查八步走 [Step by step –Eight Steps for Responding to 337 Investigations], Electronics Intellectual Property magazine, co-authored with Phil Du, 2010
- Bilski in the boardroom, Intellectual Asset Magazine, Licensing in the Boardroom 2009
- Bilski – Section 101 Gets its Hedge Trimmed, Ipls Proceedings, State Bar of Michigan, vol. 20, Issue 1, 2009
- Seminar: U.S. Patent Litigation – How to Stay One Step Ahead of Your Competition - Tokyo 2003
- Seminar: Claiming Business Methods – Cyberspace Law Conference, Dayton Ohio 2002
- Seminar: Festo The Supreme Court Resets the Balance – Tokyo 2002; Osaka 2002
- Software Patents – The Ice has Melted, 1997 Wiley Intellectual Property Law Today
- Evolution or Extinction – Your Intellectual Property Strategy, IPWW Outlook, Spring 1996
- Computer Law Today, 1996 Wiley Intellectual Property Law Update



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Practice Areas

Patents
Trademarks
Transactions / Due Diligence

Industries

Business & Information
Electrical & Computer
Life Science
Mechanical & Electromechanical

Bar & Court Admissions

Michigan
Ohio
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office



Education

B.S.E.E., *summa cum laude*, Ohio State University, 1973
J.D., Ohio State University, 1976

Honors & Recognitions

- Named as a *Leading Lawyer*: 2014 - 2015
- U.S. News and World Report, *Best Lawyers*, Litigation-Intellectual Property and Patent Law: 2013 - 2015
- *Michigan Super Lawyers*: 2011-2014
- Top Lawyer, *DBusiness Magazine*, 2010, 2014
- Top 10 Business Attorneys (Southeastern Michigan), *Corporate Counsel Magazine*, 1999
- Past President – Software Patent Institute

In The News

- *Today's General Counsel*, "Noose is Tightening Around Abstract Business Method Patents", October 13, 2014
- *Law360*, "Lawyers Weigh In On High Court's Software Patent Ruling", June 19, 2014
- *eWeek*, "Supreme Court Narrowly Limits Business Method Software Patents", June 19, 2014
- *Reuters*, "For U.S. high court, a year of discontent with patent rulings", June 19, 2014
- Interviewed by *MLEX* regarding Alice Corporation v. CLS Bank International, June 19, 2014

Articles

- "Noose is Tightening Around Abstract Business Method Patents", *Today's General Counsel*, October 13, 2014

Litigation Experience

Mr. Stobbs has represented clients in litigation matters in United States District Courts, the International Trade Commission and before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. He has also served as an expert witness in several patent infringement matters. Representative major litigation matters include:

- Honeywell v. DENSO
- Honeywell v. FURUNO
- Cummins v. Detroit Diesel (Served as expert witness)
- Snap-On v. Hunter (Served as expert witness)

Technical Capabilities

In his patent practice, Mr. Stobbs often handles complex technologies, such as speech recognition, computer networking and telecommunications, avionics, GPS, computer software, bioinformatics, automotive electronics, and mobile devices. One of his clients' patents on a computer virus detection system won his client a settlement in excess of \$62 million dollars.

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Mr. Stobbs is an experienced computer user with extensive knowledge of IBM microcomputer system architecture and operation. He has programmed computers in a number of different languages, e.g., C, C+ +, Fortran, Pascal, Basic, Forth and Assembler, and is conversant in today's object-oriented programming techniques, networking, and Windows programming.

Mr. Stobbs current practice includes representing clients in Europe, Korea, China and Japan. Through adult studies he has acquired intermediate level fluency in both spoken and written Japanese language.