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Stuart (Stu) Shapley is a principal attorney practicing in the technology/intellectual property law group. With fifteen years' experience in patent prosecution and litigation, Stu provides legal solutions across a broad spectrum of legal issues, technologies and client sizes, ranging from Fortune 100 companies to seed-round startups.

In addition to his legal practice, Stu works as a mentor with several Austin area accelerators to help early-stage companies protect their core intellectual property and obtain seed and angel round funding.

Stu is a graduate of Harvard University, earning an A.B. in Physics *cum laude*, and is a fluent German speaker.

Experience

- Lead associate representing electronics manufacturer in multi-party patent litigation in the Eastern District of Texas in a patent dispute concerning Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) technology
- Core member of team defending pharmaceutical manufacturer in multi-party patent litigation, participated in drafting *Markman* brief that led to favorable claim construction and partial summary judgment at trial, as well as Federal Circuit appeal brief
- Drafting and prosecuting patent applications for computer hardware and software, medical devices and mechanical systems
- Prepared invalidity opinions and freedom to operate studies involving a variety of technologies, including laptop computers, casino equipment, and automotive engines

Focus Areas

Big Data & Privacy

Blockchain & Cryptocurrency

Cleantech

IP Audits & Legal Opinions

FoodTech & Agriculture

Patents

IP Portfolio Management & Counseling

Medical Devices

IP Due Diligence

AI/Machine Learning

Inter Partes Reviews (IPRs)

Education

University of Virginia School of Law, JD, 2003

Harvard College, BS, 1999

Physics

Associations & Memberships

- Registered U.S. Patent Attorney
- Austin Intellectual Property Association
- The Honorable Lee Yeakel Intellectual Property Inn of Court

Bar Admissions

Texas, 2009

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office