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OVERVIEW:

Steve Link brings a unique and well-rounded perspective to his work as a patent and intellectual property attorney, having experienced the patenting process firsthand as an inventor. Before entering the legal field, he spent over five years as a research and development scientist in the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries, where he contributed to several patents issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

While working full-time in the pharmaceutical sector, Steve earned his law degree through evening and weekend coursework. He then spent more than 15 years as in-house counsel at DSM Biomedical in southeastern Pennsylvania, serving as a patent attorney and intellectual property manager. In this role, he drafted and negotiated a broad range of commercial agreements - including license, distribution, development, supply, nondisclosure, and consulting contracts - and was instrumental in developing and executing the company's intellectual property strategy. He also managed a diverse IP portfolio supporting multiple business units in the medical field.

As a member of Barley Snyder's [Intellectual Property Practice Group](#), Steve focuses on patent prosecution and drafting, reexamination matters, and IP litigation support. He brings a strong attention to detail at the outset of a matter, helping clients avoid costly issues down the road. Conversely, he is adept at identifying lapses in competitors' filings - insights that can provide a strategic advantage for his clients.

Steve's particularized skills include patent analysis and reexamination - unique areas of practice that are procedurally formal, time-sensitive, and demand exceptional attention to detail. He is highly familiar with the nuances of these matters and handles them with efficiency and precision. His deep technical knowledge - gained through years of experience in biotechnology, pharmaceutical research and development, and the medical device and biomaterials industries - further enhances his ability to deliver strategic, scientifically grounded counsel throughout the patent lifecycle.

Earlier in his legal career, Steve worked as a contract attorney providing litigation support and document analysis. A native of Wilmington, Delaware, Steve holds a biology degree from the University of Richmond. He lives near historic Valley Forge, Pa., with his wife Cathy, their two children, and a dog.

EDUCATION:

- Widener University School of Law, J.D., with honors
- University of Richmond, Richmond, B.A. in Biology

ADMISSIONS:

- Pennsylvania Bar Association
- Chester County Bar Association
- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

PRACTICE AREAS:

- Intellectual Property
- Intellectual Property Litigation

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

St. Norbert School

Volunteer

MEMBERSHIP:

- American Intellectual Property Association

PUBLICATION:

- "Selective Inhibition of Bacterial Dihydroorotate Dehydrogenases by Thiadiazolidinediones", Biochemical Pharmacology (2000)

PRESENTATIONS:

- "Comparison of Assays in a Low Volume 384 Well Plate and a 1536 Well Plate", SBS Conference (September 2001)
- "Discovery of Novel, Robust Biocatalysts from Microbial Diversity", Third Annual Hyperthermophile Symposium (April 1996)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- Eight professional years of research and development work, in both pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries

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