

Nomination Form

Section Representative to the Board of Directors

Term 2017-2020

Please limit Nomination Information to 4 pages

- 1) Provide your candidate's name, affiliation and full contact information, including email address and phone:

Stephen Patrick Koch
ExxonMobil, Retired (2015)
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- 2) I am nominating this person as a **LARGE** Section Representative to the Board of Directors. (There are currently two open positions for Large Section Representatives).

- 3) This candidate is a member of the following section, which is a Large Section:

Intellectual Property Section

- 4) Briefly describe your candidate's personal background, character and contributions to their community.

Prior to his legal career, Steve pursued scientific research for Exxon Production Research Company in the field of oceanography in the North Sea and Gulf of Mexico focused on wind, wave, and current studies to evaluate forces on offshore structures. His professional career has spanned the globe, taking him to more than 50 countries for upstream oil and gas transactional work and intellectual property technology licensing. When not on his annual summer sabbatical to Colorado, Steve supplements his law-induced adrenaline rush by racing his Porsche cars. Steve has assured us that he only races on closed tracks, but the next time you see a Porsche idling next to you at the light, you might double-check the driver. Steve participated in the Boy Scout program growing up and is also a musician, having played trombone in high school and harmonica occasionally now.

- 5) Describe your candidate's professional achievements and commitment to the legal profession.

Steve has a very distinguished career as an attorney. After 34 years, Steve Koch retired from ExxonMobil in 2015. He graduated from the University of Houston Law Center in 1992, and joined Exxon Production Research Company as in-house counsel in 1993. Most recently, he served as General Counsel of Univation Technologies, LLC, a chemical process licensing and catalyst sales joint venture between Dow Chemical and ExxonMobil.

Steve is also very active in the legal community. In addition to his officer positions held in and contributions made to the Intellectual Property Section of the State Bar of Texas (described below), he is the past president of the Houston Intellectual Property Association (after he served as a board member and treasurer for the organization), an Emeritus Member of the Judge Nancy Atlas American Intellectual Property Inn of Court, a Member of the Advisory Council for the University of Houston's Intellectual Property and Information Law Institute, and a Board Member of the University of Houston Law Center

Foundation Board. While employed at ExxonMobil, Steve also did pro bono work through ExxonMobil's employee program.

Steve is a two-time recipient of the Houston Intellectual Property Law Association's President's Award for Service, and a former adjunct professor for San Jacinto Junior College's Paralegal Program. He also continues to contribute in the legal profession by speaking at various STEM and other events for young lawyers.

6) Describe your nominee's participation in State Bar projects, including contributions to your Section.

Steve Koch currently serves as the immediate past chair of the State Bar of Texas – Intellectual Property (IP Section) Chair Law Section, having served as the IP Section's Chair in 2015-2016 and Vice-Chair in 2014-2015. Under Steve's tenure, he increased communications and ensured continuous dialogue with TexasBarCLE in order to better facilitate planning and the logistics associated with the three major CLE's the IP Section organizes each year. Steve planned and led two of the three annual IP Council retreats, critical to paving the future direction of the IP section as well as develop future leaders within the section. He ensured that institutional knowledge of the section was maintained by documenting critical timelines, processes, and aspects for each role he held within the IP Section. As immediate past chair, Steve serves as a critical resource and advisor to the IP Council and Executive Committee, providing insight and astute analysis regarding legal as well as business matters before the Council.

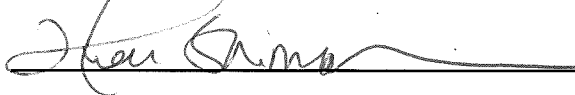
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8) Please acknowledge that you have discussed the duties and purpose of this position with your candidate and verified they are willing to serve in this capacity, if elected.



Nominating Procedure

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AFFILIATION

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LAW LICENSES

Texas 1992
US PTO 1994

LEGAL ACTIVITIES

Immediate Past Chair, SBOT Intellectual Property Law Section
Past President, Houston Intellectual Property Law Association, 2009 – 2010
Two-Time Awardee, President's Award for Service, Houston Intellectual Property Law Association
Emeritus Member, Judge Nancy Atlas American Intellectual Property Inn of Court
Member, Advisory Counsel, University of Houston Intellectual Property and Information Law Institute
Board Member, University of Houston Law Center Foundation Board, 2014-2016
Adjunct Professor, San Jacinto Junior College, Paralegal Program, 2003 – 2008

Public Speaking on STEM, Magna Carta and American Democracy, Lessons Learned for Young Lawyers

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

General Counsel, Univation Technologies, LLC, a chemical process licensing and catalyst sales joint venture between Dow Chemical and ExxonMobil (100% Dow-owned from 5/2015)

Assistant Chief Attorney, ExxonMobil Upstream Research Company, July 2008 - 2010
Transactional and Licensing Group Head

Chief Patent Counsel, Univation Technologies LLC, January 2003 - March 2005
Patent Practice and Chemical Process Licensing in Europe, Middle East, and Asia

Contracts Coordinator, ExxonMobil Upstream Research Company, 2001-2002
Transactional Group Head

Counsel, Exxon Exploration Company, 1996-2000
Oil and Gas Transactional Activity, Primarily in Africa and Europe

Attorney, Exxon Production Research Company, 1993 to 1996
Patent Practice and Transactional Support of Research Function

Senior Research Associate, Exxon Production Research Company, 1981-1993
Oceanographic and Ocean Engineering Research and Application

EDUCATION

University of Houston Law Center 1992
Massachusetts Institute of Technology jointly
with the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute 1980
Purdue University 1974