

## Steven V. Hunter

### Partner

Steven V. Hunter is a trial lawyer with first-chair experience representing companies in all phases of litigation and alternative dispute resolution, including discovery, "e-discovery," motions practice, arbitration, mediation, jury trials, bench trials, and appeals.

Mr. Hunter has experience:

- Representing financial institutions and banks in commercial loan, multi-creditor/participating loan, lender liability, fraud, and consumer fraud disputes including the recovery and disposition of several million dollars of secured assets.
- Representing international raw material, component, and end-product manufacturers (Chinese, UK, and Korean) in product liability, breach of contract, and business tort claims brought in U.S. courts (with a particular emphasis on challenging jurisdiction).
- Representing closely held corporations as well as members and shareholders in "corporate divorce"/corporate dissolution disputes.
- Representing construction managers, owners, and trades in construction-related disputes.
- Representing landlords and tenants in commercial leasing disputes.
- Representing entertainers and professional athletes in business and personal liability disputes.
- Representing companies and individuals before various Illinois state and local administrative agencies.
- Representing companies in breach of contract and business tort disputes.
- Representing an investor in a FINRA Arbitration against a broker related to \$12 million in tenancy in common securities.
- Representing a securities investor in a claim related to an underlying FINRA Arbitration.
- Serving as counsel for asbestos litigation on behalf of a number of companies.
- Representing *pro bono* clients in criminal, family law, and political asylum proceedings.

Mr. Hunter also has significant experience managing high-volume ESI productions, computer forensic analysis, and complex data preservation issues. He is an ACEDS certified electronic discovery specialist,\* and he is regularly invited to speak on issues related to electronic discovery, trial practice, legal ethics, *pro bono*, and diversity in the legal profession.

\* The bars of Illinois and New York do not recognize legal specialties.



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## Legal Services

- [Patent Litigation](#)
- [E-Discovery](#)
- [Data Privacy & Security](#)
- [Banking & Financial Institutions](#)
- [Litigation & Dispute Resolution](#)
- [Fiduciary, Trust and Probate Litigation](#)
- [Financial Institutions Litigation](#)
- [Securities and Shareholder Litigation](#)

## Education and Honors

- Northwestern University, Kellogg School of Management, Certificate, Quarles & Brady Leadership Program (2018)
- Georgetown University Law Center (J.D., 2002)
  - Barrister's Council, Trial Division Chairman
  - American College of Trial Lawyers "Excellence in Trial Advocacy" Award (2001–2002)
  - National Black Law Students Association (National Attorney General)
- Brown University (A.B., 1999)
  - Majors: Political Science & Economics
  - AMTA Mock Trial Team Chairman
  - AMTA Eastern Regional Mock Trial Tournament (Best Advocate, 1999)

## Bar Admissions

- Illinois
- New York

## Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court, Western District of Michigan, 2015
- New York State Court, 2011
- U.S. District Court, Central District of Illinois, 2004
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois, 2002
- Illinois State Court, 2002

## Professional and Civic Activities

- Quarles & Brady National Diversity Committee
- Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (Fellow)
- Chicago Child Care Society (Board Member)
- The Chicago Sinfonietta (Board Member)
- HealthConnect One, Inc. (Board Member)
- Illinois Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Committee (Hearing

Officer)

- Iona Calhoun School of Classical Ballet, Inc. (Board Member)
- Chinatown Legal Clinic (Clinic Co-Chairman)
- Chicago United (Member)
- Brown University Club of Chicago (Member)
- Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. (Member, Chicago Alumni Chapter)
- Northeast Illinois Council (NEIC) of the Boy Scouts of America, Inc. (Pro Bono General Counsel)
- Museum of Science and Industry (Member of the President's Council)
- Chicago Bar Association (Former Chairman of committee on Racial and Ethnic Diversity)
- The Chicago Bar Foundation (Former Member of the Young Professionals Board)
- Chicago Volunteer Legal Services, Inc. (Former Board Member and Clinic Chairman)
- National Bar Association (Member)
- Illinois State Bar Association (Member)
- New York State Bar Association (Member)
- Chicago Committee on Minorities In Large Law Firms (Former Associate's Committee Member)
- Asian Legal Services Clinic (Former clinic chairman)
- International Association of Privacy Professionals (Member)
- ISBA Commercial Banking, Collections & Bankruptcy Law Council (Member, 2015-2016)
- Economic Club of Chicago (Member)
- Art Institute of Chicago (Co-Chair, Leadership Advisory Council)

### Professional Recognition

- Named a Business Leader of Color by Chicago United (2017)
- "Top Attorneys in Illinois," Chicago Magazine (2016)
- Michael L. Goning Pro Bono Partner of the Year Award (2015)
- James P. Lykes African-American Male Image Award (2015)
- Named a *Leading Lawyers* "Emerging Lawyer" (2015)
- Illinois State Bar Association "2012 Young Lawyer of the Year"
- National Bar Association's "Nation's Best Advocates: 40 Lawyers Under 40" (2011)
- "Men of Excellence" Award, Chicago Defender (2011)
- Loyola University Chicago School of Law, "Public Interest Convocation Award" (2010)
- Selected for inclusion in *Illinois Super Lawyers*® (2014–present: Business Litigation)
- Selected for inclusion in *Illinois Super Lawyers*® – Rising Stars Editions (2009–2013: Business Litigation)
- "40 Illinois Attorneys under 40 to Watch," Law Bulletin Publishing

Company, Chicago Lawyer Magazine and The Chicago Daily Law Bulletin (2008)

- "Maurice Weigle Exceptional Young Lawyer Award," Chicago Bar Association (2006)
- "National Pro Bono Associate Award," DLA Piper Rudnick Gray Cary, US LLP (2006)
- "Chicago Office Pro Bono Associate of the Year," DLA Piper Rudnick Gray Cary, US LLP (2005)
- "Distinguished Service Award," Chicago Volunteer Legal Service Foundation (2004)
- "National Pro Bono Associate Award," Piper Rudnick, LLP (2003)

### Published Cases

- Corus Bank, N.A. v. Eduard De Guardiola, 593 F.Supp.2d 991 (December 17, 2008)

### Data Privacy & Security

Steven is the national chair of the Electronic Discovery and Record Retention Group at Quarles & Brady, and is one of a handful of attorneys in the US certified as an Association of Certified e-Discovery Specialists (ACEDS) e-discovery specialist.<sup>1</sup> In that vein, Steven has experience:

- Interviewing IT, engineering, finance, HR, and other critical personnel to determine how the enterprise's data (electronic and paper, and including personally identifiable information [PII]) is generated, transmitted, and stored
- Mapping where data (including PII) is located on the enterprise's networks and in their physical infrastructure
- Preparing a "data map" which graphically depicts how data is stored on the enterprise's networks and physical infrastructure
- Developing/revising enterprise storage and retention policies to address data retrieval and security concerns
- Advising/counseling clients in the financial services, manufacturing, and retail industries on the civil risk from data breach and developments in the litigation of data breach disputes

He has performed the aforementioned services for:

- International fast food retailers
- International software development companies
- Food processing/manufacturing companies
- Vehicle finance companies
- Apparel retail company

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## Publications and Presentations

01/12/16

### **2016 Financial Services Media Roundtable**

*Quarles & Brady LLP*

11/06/15

### **"Climate Change"**

*Valparaiso University Law Review Symposium -- Continuing to Fight Today's Environmental Challenges: Climate Change, Health Concerns, Energy and Food Supply*

09/18/15

### **"Data Security — Data Responsibility"**

*Austria Connect North America 2015, Chicago, IL*

04/08/15

### **"Enforcing Arbitration Agreements in e-Commerce"**

*PLI's TechLaw Institute 2015: The Digital Evolution, New York*

03/26/15

### **"Data Security: What We Know and How We Protect It"**

*National Bar Association's Mid-Year Conference, St. Louis, MO*

01/29/15

### **"Is This A Threat?"**

*Westlaw Journal Computer & Internet*

12/12/14

### **Federal Court Finds Retailer May Owe Banks a Duty to Protect Consumers' Financial Information**

*Data Privacy and Security Law Alert*

11/20/14

### **"Cybersecurity: What Your Bank Needs to Know from a Compliance, Regulatory, and Risk Standpoint—Part 2"**

*Office Locations and Webinar*

11/07/14

### **"It Could Happen to You: The Ethical Obligations Implicated by Data Security"**

*Co-presenter at Quarles & Brady's 2014 Annual Legal Ethics Seminar*

06/11/14

### **"What Were The Terms of Our Agreement: An Overview of Contract Ambiguity and 'Battle of the Forms'"**

*The Chicago Bar Association*

04/15/14

**"Digital Age Discovery"**

*DePaul University College of Law (Guest Lecturer), DePaul Health Law Series*

01/01/14

**"As You Consider Moving Data to the Cloud..."**

*The Computer & Internet Lawyer*

11/01/13

**"The EU Delivers 'One-Two Punch' to Computer Software Companies"**

*The Computer & Internet Lawyer*

07/29/13

**"Elements of a Successful Rule 26(f) Meet and Confer Seminar"**

*National Bar Association Seminar*

06/10/13

**"As You Consider Moving Data to the Cloud"**

*Practicing Law Institute's Cloud Computing 2013: Cut Through the Fluff & Tackle the Critical Stuff, San Francisco, CA*

05/20/13

**Presentation for McGladrey Nonprofit Summit, Chicago, IL**

05/16/13

**"Current Trends in IT Litigation and E-Discovery"**

*Information Technology Law Institute 2013: Privacy and Cybersecurity, Mobile Advertising, Digital Distribution, Social Media and the Third Industrial Revolution, San Francisco, CA*

04/11/13

**"Data Breach and EU Decisions Affecting Computer Software"**

*Information Technology Law Institute 2013: Privacy and Cybersecurity, Mobile Advertising, Digital Distribution, Social Media and the Third Industrial Revolution, New York, NY,*

02/08/13

**"In-House Attorney-Client Privilege"**

*Middle Market Legal Toolbox Blog*

10/15/12

**"Forensic collection trends now and into the near future"**

*4th Annual CALSM-posium*

09/01/12

**"Practice Areas: E-Discovery"**

*IP Litigator*

06/12/12

**"E-Discovery: Be careful what you ask for"**

*Inside Counsel*

05/09/12

**"E-discovery: Change your thinking about e-discovery"**

*Inside Counsel*

04/20/12

**"Information Technology Law Institute 2012: Innovations in Apps, E-books, Cybersecurity, Mobile Technology, Privacy and Social Media"**

*Practicing Law Institute (Faculty), New York, NY*

04/10/12

**"4 lessons counsel can learn from Da Silva Moore"**

*Inside Counsel*

04/04/12

**"Information Technology Law Institute 2012: Innovations in Apps, E-books, Cybersecurity, Mobile Technology, Privacy and Social Media"**

*Practicing Law Institute (Faculty), San Francisco, CA*

12/13/11

**"E-discovery: Congress might revise e-discovery rules again"**

*Inside Counsel*

11/10/11

**"Forecast: Cloudy with a Chance of Sanctions"**

*Exterro® Webcast*

11/02/11

**"E-Discovery: The End Can Justify The Means"**

*Inside Counsel*

10/07/11

**"E-Discovery: What Increased Data Protection Means for the Global Economy"**

*Inside Counsel*

10/01/11

**"Building the Artists' Team"**

*Black Entertainment and Sports Lawyers Association Annual Conference*

09/07/11

**"E-Discovery: Cutting Costs with Predictive Coding"**

*Inside Counsel*

08/17/11

**"E-Discovery: 9 Points Impacting Discovery Costs"**

*Inside Counsel*

07/06/11

**"E-Discovery: Ascending to the Cloud Creates Negligible E-Discovery Risk"**

*Inside Counsel*

01/01/11

**"Breaking Barriers: Building Bridges"**

*"On Board", Chicago Bar Association Conference*

01/01/09

**"Breaking Barriers: Building Bridges"**

*Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct: A New Beginning in 2010, Chicago Bar Association Conference*

01/01/08

**"Breaking Barriers: Building Bridges"**

*Ethical Pitfalls for Litigators, Chicago Bar Association Conference*

01/01/07

**"Breaking Barriers: Building Bridges"**

*Proven Strategies: Alternative Dispute Resolution, Chicago Bar Association Conference*

01/01/06

**"Breaking Barriers: Building Bridges"**

*Globalization: The In-House Perspective, Chicago Bar Association Conference*

01/01/05

**"Practicing Law at a Large Law Firm in Chicago"**

*Chicago Road Show, Harvard University Black Law Students Association; Harvard University Law School; Cambridge, Massachusetts*