

**GNSO COUNCIL STATEMENT OF INTEREST FOR
BRIAN J. WINTERFELDT**

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1. *Current vocation, employer and position*

I am an attorney in the Washington, DC office of Steptoe & Johnson LLP, an international law firm. I serve as a Partner in the Intellectual Property Group and am a Practice Leader for the firm's Trademark practice.

2. *Type of work performed in I above*

My practice involves most aspects of intellectual property law, including domestic and international trademark counseling, clearance, prosecution, enforcement, and litigation, as well as trade dress and domain name issues. I assist clients with the creation of trademark and branding strategies and the development of programs to enforce and protect intellectual property rights. My practice includes significant work in domain name law, including representing clients in UDRP proceedings, as well as social media counseling and enforcement.

3. *Identify any financial ownership or senior management/leadership interest in registries, registrars or other firms that are interested parties in ICANN policy or any entity with which ICANN has a transaction, contract, or other arrangement*

I do not have any personal financial ownership in any registries, registrars, or other interested parties in ICANN policy, nor do I hold any senior management or leadership positions in such organizations. As Steptoe is a large international law firm, it is possible that other members of the firm may hold such interests.

4. *Identify any type of commercial interest in ICANN policy development outcomes. Are you representing other parties?*

In my practice, I represent both registries and registrars in trademark portfolio matters, although I have not represented these organizations in ICANN policy matters. From time to time, I advise clients on ICANN policy matters relating to brand protection, and have assisted clients with preparing comments to ICANN. In addition, I am currently advising several clients on preparations for the new gTLD program. As Steptoe is a large international law firm, it is possible that other members of the firm may hold additional such interests.

5. *Describe any arrangements or agreements between you and any other group, constituency or person(s) regarding your nomination or selection as an advisory group team member*

The Intellectual Property Constituency requested that I participate as an alternate during a GNSO Council Meeting. I currently serve as Treasurer of the Intellectual Property Constituency.

6. Geographic Region associated with the nationality of volunteer (Africa, North America, Latin America/Caribbean, Asia/Australia/Pacific and Europe)

I am located in North America.

7. Stakeholder Group(s) in which volunteer currently participates within the ICANN organization

As Treasurer of the Intellectual Property Constituency, I currently participate in the Commercial Stakeholders Group.