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Following a bachelor's degree with honors in geology from Hamilton College and two tours of national service with AmeriCorps programs under the National Park Service in the San Francisco Bay Area, in December 2006 Steven Wood graduated from the Syracuse University College of Law and College of Engineering and Computer Science with a dual JD/MSEE. While at SU, Steven worked at the New York State Science and Technology Law Center and acquired a certificate specialization in technology commercialization law.

After passing the summer 2007 NYS Bar Exam, Steven obtained employment with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) as a patent examiner in the multiplexing art unit, where he also took and passed the U.S. Patent Bar to become a licensed U.S. patent attorney. Steven left the USPTO to take a position with the U.S. Department of Energy Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL), where he worked as a Licensing Associate in the Office of Technology Commercialization and Partnerships, helping to transition new technologies from the lab into the marketplace.

Following BNL, Steven pursued an Advanced LL.M. program at the International Institute of Air and Space Law at Leiden University in the Netherlands, where he also worked in technology commercialization at the Leiden University Office of Research and Innovation Services. Most recently, prior to joining The Research Foundation for SUNY in his current role, Steven held positions in several startup companies including XCOR Aerospace, a commercial space tourism company, trakkies International BV, a Dutch Internet of Things company, and Wedjat LLC, a telemark ski binding company.

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