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The Webb Law Firm's Richard L. Byrne selected for the 2009 *The Best Lawyers in America*® in the specialty of Intellectual Property Law

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Mr. Byrne is a Director at The Webb Law Firm and serves as both the Firm's Secretary and Chair of the Management Committee. During his 25-year career as an Intellectual Property attorney, Mr. Byrne has counseled clients on the importance of patent protection, prepared applications and obtained patents to protect a wide range of innovations, technologies and discoveries. He's advised general practice attorneys on new regulations, and litigated infringement cases – obtaining settlements or providing legal representation for clients in federal court. With a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from Carnegie Mellon University and a JD from George Washington University National Law Center, Mr. Byrne has expertise both in patent law and an understanding of technology needed to protect his client's valuable intellectual assets.

The Webb Law Firm has been helping innovators safeguard their discoveries, advance their technologies and achieve historic milestones since 1845. The Firm's patent attorneys hold dual degrees in law and sciences and combine their legal expertise with an in-depth personal understanding of business and industry. The Webb Law Firm is located in the Koppers Building in downtown Pittsburgh.

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