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## Bio

Nathan J. Prepelka is an Intellectual Property attorney who began his career in the engineering field and “wanted to remain on the technology side of law”. Based upon his interests in new and emerging technologies, Nate has and continues to prepare and prosecute patent applications for software systems, mobile applications, networking solutions, automated control systems, transportation control systems, manufacturing process control systems, RFID inventory systems, and other related computerized method and process inventions, with a particular focus on e-commerce and other Internet-based applications. Further, he has handled numerous domain name disputes before ICANN and the National Arbitration Forum for various business entities wishing to protect their valuable trademarks on the Internet. In addition, Nate has been involved in the various phases of litigation of numerous cases involving infringement issues arising in the software industry.

While starting his career in the chemicals industry, Nate’s interests have always remained with computers (both hardware and software), which made for an easy transition to the protection of intellectual property in the technology sector. Nate was co-counsel in the landmark case of *In re Bilski*, wherein the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit set forth specific tests relating to business process and software inventions and applications. Based upon his involvement in this case and the ongoing evolution of software patent law, Nate continues to develop prosecution strategies to handle all types of computer-implemented method, business process, and software inventions.

Nate joined The Webb Law Firm in 1999. He works in various aspects of IP law - particularly computer-implemented methods, systems, software, and business method and process patents, as well as all cyber-law matters involving trademarks, domain name disputes, and patent copyright, and trademark Internet and computer matters.

## Certification

Registered Patent Attorney, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

## Bar Admissions

Pennsylvania, 1999

U.S. Court of Appeals Federal Circuit

U.S. District Court Western District of Pennsylvania

## Education

Duquesne University School of Law, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 1999 J.D.

Pennsylvania State University, State College, Pennsylvania, 1992 B.S.

Major: Chemical Engineering

### **Main Practice Areas:**

Patent Innovation

Trademark & Copyright

Business Strategies

International Practice

Litigation

### **Industries Served:**

Patent Innovation: Mechanical

Patent Innovation: Information Technology