

## BRADLEY J. VAN PELT

### Attorney

Brad Van Pelt concentrates on litigation, prosecution, and counseling in all areas of intellectual property. Brad has wide-ranging experience in prosecution and counseling and has also served on teams representing various companies in patent litigation. He has years of patent drafting experience in the mechanical, computer and business method arts. He frequently prepares freedom-to-practice opinions, and has served on successful patent litigation teams.



He has recently presented on various intellectual property topics, including “Emergency IP: Expediting the Granting of Patent Rights” at Banner & Witcoff’s Corporate Intellectual Property Seminar in 2012, and “The Total User Experience: Improving the Content and Quality of Your Company’s Patent Application Process Post-AIA” in a Banner & Witcoff and BNA webinar in 2013.

He was also named to the 2014 Illinois Super Lawyers Rising Stars, which include only the top 5 percent of attorneys in the state.

Brad was a patent examiner at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the early 2000s. While at the Patent and Trademark Office, Brad examined patent applications directed to the mechanical arts, especially in the automotive, transportation, and power generation arts. Brad served in the chambers of the Honorable Richard Linn of the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, which hears all patent appeals in the United States. Brad was also a design engineer for Sub-Zero Freezer Company where he designed testing equipment for digital refrigeration components and software.

He earned his undergraduate degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2002. He was awarded his J.D. degree from Georgetown University in 2007. He led extra-curricular activities including the Student Intellectual Property Law Association, which he served as President. He authored “Exclusion Orders and Their Enforcement by U.S. Customs and Border Protection,” *337 Reporter, Summer Associate Edition-2006*.

Brad is registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. He is admitted to practice in Illinois.

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### Education

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### Bar Admissions

2007, Illinois

### Court Admissions

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### Practice Areas

Copyright  
Counseling, Opinions & Licensing  
Litigation  
Patent Prosecution  
Trademarks

### Industries