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The task of recognizing, developing, protecting and exploiting IP has never been more important—or more complex. It is imperative that businesses secure the services of thoughtful, incisive and cost-effective IP counsel. The attorneys, agents and staff of MWZB have been fulfilling these needs effectively for our clients for almost 50 years.



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William Nixon is a Director who focuses his practice in the computer software, business methods, semiconductor, and electrical engineering areas. He joined the firm in February 2012 after a diverse background as a lawyer in both large and small firms and as a solo patent practitioner.

Mr. Nixon has a broad background in intellectual property licensing, litigation, and counseling for his clients. In the area of patent prosecution alone, he has prosecuted more than 1,000 patent applications before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Mr. Nixon heads the firm's growing practice in patent work in the fields of electrical engineering, business methods and computer software. The firm believes that an active presence in those areas is highly desirable to meet the needs of the rapidly changing economy of the 21st century.

Mr. Nixon has represented several consumer products companies that needed patent protection in order to compete effectively in the software and e-commerce areas. Among the companies that he has represented in patent matters in the past are Toshiba, Intel, Sun Microsystems, Lockheed Martin, Texas Instruments, and AT&T. He has lectured frequently to small business audiences on a variety of business and entrepreneurial topics.

### Services

Preparation and Prosecution of Domestic and International Utility Patents, Patent Portfolio Management and Strategy, Opinions and Analysis re: Patentability, Infringement, Validity, Freedom-to-Operate and Due Diligence, Preparation and Prosecution of Domestic and International Design Patents, Licensing and Post-Grant Procedures

### Technologies

Electrical, Mechanical, Semiconductor, Computer, Business Methods, Spectral Analysis and Software

### Education

- University of Dayton School of Law (J.D. Cum Laude, 1997), Articles Editor, Law Review
- University of Dayton (M.S. Management Science 1993)
- Virginia Military Institute (B.S. with distinction, Electrical and Computer Engineering 1988)

### Honors and Award

- Tau Beta Pi
- Eta Kappa Nu
- CALI Award: International Law & Comparative Law

### Membership and Affiliations

- American Intellectual Property Law Association
- International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property
- International Trademark Association
- Institute for Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE)
- Small Business Development Centers of Virginia

### Admissions

- District of Columbia Bar (1998)
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit (1999)
- Admitted to practice before the United States Patent & Trademark Office (1999)

### Speaking Engagements and Publications

- Guest speaker at conferences pertaining to small businesses

### Teaching Experience

- Guest lecturer, Virginia Military Institute