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Jonathan's practice centers on intellectual property, particularly patent prosecution. He specializes in U.S. and international protection for innovations in communication systems, embedded systems, computer electronics and interfaces, software, sensors and semiconductor devices, simulators, internet architectures, musical instruments and technology, optics, and medical imaging and devices. He prepares invalidity, infringement and use opinions.

Prior to his legal profession, Jonathan enjoyed a twenty year career as a development engineer with Cisco, Alcatel Network Systems, and Codem Systems. Jonathan also developed systems and software as a defense contractor and spent two years developing electronic music software for MOTU. His broad technical background allows him to grasp intricate technical ideas quickly for application within a legal framework, effectively bridging the communication gap between technical and legal concepts.



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Practice Areas

- Intellectual Property

Admissions

- State of New Hampshire (U.S. District Court)
- Commonwealth of Massachusetts
- United States Patent and Trademark Office
- American Intellectual Property Law Association (member)
- New Hampshire Bar Association's Intellectual Property Section

Education

- J.D., University of NH School of Law
- BSEE, University of Massachusetts
- A.B., Colgate University

Industry Involvement

- 2017/2018 Co-Chair of the NHBA IP Section

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Awards

- Cisco Pioneer Award in 2006

Publications

- NH Legal Perspective: What is a Patent For?
- An Inventor's Guide to Reviewing a Patent Application
- To Patent or Not to Patent: Weighing the Expense of Obtaining a Patent Against the Risk of Losing Your Invention
- Lawmakers Shine Bright Spotlight on 'Patent Trolls'