



## Stephen T. Neal

### *Partner*

**Steve Neal** has extensive experience in all aspects of patent law, including patent preparation and prosecution; patentability, validity, infringement, and due diligence opinions; strategic patent portfolio development and management; and patent litigation. He also has experience with copyright and trademark matters, having successfully argued trademark matters in the Northern District of California. He has technical expertise in the areas of electrical engineering, computer engineering, computer software, and mechanical engineering.

Steve's particular technical expertise covers a variety of highly competitive technologies, including microprocessors; telecommunications; online commerce; image processing; food processing; artificial intelligence; bone and joint replacement devices; power management; and interactive entertainment.

Prior to joining Prass LLP, Steve was an associate of the San Jose, CA office of Kenyon & Kenyon, and an associate of the Sunnyvale, CA office of Blakely, Sokoloff, Taylor, and Zafman.

Prior to his legal career, Steve worked as a software engineer for Neural Applications Corporation, where he involved in the development of an intelligent internet ad-targeting software.

### *Education*

- Juris Doctor 2000  
UNIVERSITY OF IOWA COLLEGE OF LAW  
Moot Court Student Judge  
JOURNAL OF CORPORATION LAW: Associate Editor
- Bachelor of Science, 1986  
Electrical Engineering  
IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY  
Tau Beta Pi  
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### *Publications*

- Co-author, *Eldred v. Ashcroft: Supreme Court Upholds 20 Year Copyright Extension*, ClientTimes Vol. 11, No. 1 (2003).

### *Bar Admissions*

- California
- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

### *Professional Affiliations*

- American Bar Association