



## KARL A. HEFTER

### ASSOCIATE

#### EDUCATION

Franklin Pierce Law Center  
J.D. (*cum laude*) 2010

University of Idaho  
Computer Engineering  
B.S. (*magna cum laude*) 2005

#### INDUSTRY GROUPS

Electrical Engineering  
Electronics & Semiconductors  
Software & Internet  
Telecommunications

#### SERVICES

Patent

#### BAR ADMISSIONS

Washington  
United States Patent  
and Trademark Office

#### BACKGROUND

Karl specializes in U.S. and foreign patent prosecution of electrical engineering and computer software matters. He received a B.S. (*magna cum laude*) in Computer Engineering from University of Idaho (2005), and he was awarded a J.D. (*cum laude*) from Franklin Pierce Law Center (2010).

#### EXPERIENCE

Karl's experience includes drafting and prosecuting utility and design patents in the United States and in many foreign countries. He has prosecuted patents in many different technical fields including distributed systems and cloud computing, social networks, online content management and delivery, image processing, noise reduction/cancellation, networks, telecommunications, email systems, video games, and other software/hardware related technologies.

Prior to joining Seed IP, Karl worked as an associate at two other Seattle-area law firms. He has served as a guest lecturer at Washington State University in a senior-level engineering class related to intellectual property. Karl is a co-author of "No Respect for the Dead: Protecting Deceased Celebrity Personality Rights," as published by BNA's *Patent, Trademark & Copyright Journal* (September 2008).

#### AFFILIATIONS

Karl is admitted to the Washington State Bar and is registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. He is a member of the Washington State Patent Law Association (WSPLA).