

## Zachary S. Kelton

### Senior Associate

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#### Services

Asset Creation - Prosecution &  
Counseling  
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Licensing, Transactions &  
Monetization  
Market Protection - Opinions &  
Dispute Avoidance  
Patents

#### Industries

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Consumer Goods  
Electronics & Computer  
Technology  
Energy  
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Financial Services  
Fintech  
Health & Life Sciences  
Home Furnishings  
Media & Entertainment  
Medical & Surgical Devices  
Oil & Gas  
Retail & Consumer Goods  
Technology



Zac Kelton focuses his practice on domestic and international patent prosecution and counseling. He is a registered patent attorney and regularly drafts and prosecutes patent applications before the United States Patent and Trademark Office. His practice focuses on electronics and software, with emphasis on handling patent eligibility issues. His technical experience covers many areas, including blockchains, cryptocurrencies, non-fungible tokens, smart contracts, mobile applications, banking and electronic payment systems, cloud computing systems, machine learning, artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, image processing, autonomous vehicles, and haptic effects.

Mr. Kelton also provides opinions relating to patentability, invalidity, freedom-to-operate, non-infringement, and licensing. He regularly counsels clients on strategic issues and considerations relating to their patent portfolios.

Mr. Kelton worked with the firm as a summer associate in 2012. While attending law school, he was the



Executive Online Editor of the *Wake Forest Law Review* and a member of the Wake Forest Intellectual Property Student Association.

## **Experience**

Drafted and prosecuted a significant number of applications for one of the most recognized open-source software companies in the world to secure patent protection for their technologies relating to distributed and cloud computing, containerization and orchestration, operating system functionality, cybersecurity, software provisioning, configuration management, and storage solutions.

Drafted and prosecuted a significant number of applications for a leading analytics company to secure patent protection for their technologies relating forecasting and predictive modeling, machine learning, and artificial intelligence.

Drafted and prosecuted significant number of applications for a leading haptics company to secure patent coverage for their technologies related to user interfaces, embedded tactile output devices and methodologies, and medical devices.

Drafted and prosecuted foundational patents for multiple startup companies in the blockchain space.

## **Education**

Wake Forest University School of Law J.D. (2013) *cum laude*, *Order of the Coif*

Brown University M.S. (2010) Electrical Engineering

University of New Hampshire B.S. (2008) Electrical Engineering, *magna cum laude*

## **Admissions**

North Carolina (2013)

## **Court Admissions**

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (2013)

## **Professional & Community Activities**

North Carolina Bar Association, Member

American Bar Association, Member

Sigma Xi Scientific Research Honor Society, Member

## **Insights**



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