

Business Method Patents

In a landmark decision, the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals in *Signature Financial v. State Street Bank* held that business methods may be patented. Recently, the US Supreme Court in *Bilski v. Kappos* left the door open for the availability of patents for business methods. These holdings, together with the explosive growth of electronic commerce and technology, make the business method patent an important growth area of intellectual property. Now in a revised Looseleaf format, this completely updated Second Edition of *Business Method Patents* is your guide to the unique opportunities and risks in this emerging area of intellectual property law. *Business Method Patents, Second Edition* is your authoritative source for expert guidance on:

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- International protection for business methods

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