

Nathan Kelley Quoted in Law360—A To-Do List For New USPTO Director Kathi Vidal

Nathan Kelley was quoted in an article in *Law360** titled "[A To-Do List For New USPTO Director Kathi Vidal](#)" regarding a long list of issues that demand her attention after her confirmation as director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

"I imagine that there are a lot of people at the USPTO breathing a big sigh of relief right now," said Nathan, the agency's former solicitor.

Vidal, a former Winston & Strawn LLP litigator, will now have a substantial agenda, and a tight window to take action, given that she was confirmed well into President Joe Biden's term, he noted.

"The new director has got to think in terms of a 2½-year timeline at this point, and that's pretty quick," Nathan said, especially since the agency rulemaking process can take more than a year. He added that Vidal is "going to have to come up to speed fast, and I'm confident she will, but she's going to be busy."

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