INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW tries to balance the incentive to create with society’s interest in spreading the benefits of innovation.

Virginia’s IP program, combining a broad array of courses, hands-on clinics and professors who are focused on the real-world applications of their scholarship, offers students a unique foundation for exploring these challenges.

Being a good intellectual property lawyer requires adaptability in a dynamic field and an understanding of the realities of producing intellectual works. Two patent and licensing clinics, run in conjunction with the University of Virginia Patent Foundation, offer students hands-on experience with learning how and when to file patents and draft licensing agreements, as well as dealing with clients in the science and technology fields. The first clinic involves practical training in patent drafting as well as the negotiation and drafting of patent and software license agreements.

**CLINIC PARTICIPANTS MAY:**
- **Evaluate** inventions and computer software for patentability and commercial value
- **Counsel** UVA faculty inventors regarding patentability, inventorship and the patenting process
- **Prepare**, file and prosecute provisional U.S. patent applications
- **Deal** with patent examiners and research current issues in the fields of intellectual property and technology transfer.

In a second clinic, students may work exclusively with patent attorneys drafting, filing and prosecuting patent applications. Alternatively, students may choose to work exclusively with licensing agents to draft license agreements, negotiate terms and conditions, and prepare confidentiality agreements and marketing documents.

**PATENT AND LICENSING CLINICS**

**COURSES AND SEMINARS**

- **Property Law**
  - Current Issues in Patent Law
  - Cybercrime
  - Cyber Law and Policy
  - Emerging Growth Companies and Venture Capital Financing: Principles and Practice
  - Intellectual Property Law Policy
  - International Intellectual Property Law
  - Law of Body Parts
  - Legal Practice and the Startup Company: An Inside Look
  - Patent
  - Survey of Patent, Copyright, Trademark
- **International Patent Law and Policy**
- **Trade Secrets**
  - History, Theory and Practice

**CLINICS**

- Patent and Licensing Clinic I
- Patent and Licensing Clinic II

These courses represent the 2012-15 school years. Not all courses are offered every year.
An article by PROFESSOR DOTAN OLIAR [center], UVA economics Ph.D. student HANNAH PATTISON [left] and K. ROSS POWELL ’15 was included in the 2015 edition of INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW REVIEW, an anthology of the best IP law scholarship. The article is the first to study the contents of individual copyright registration records and is intended to help establish an empirical basis for evidence-based copyright lawmaking.

Oliar is working on a project with the U.S. COPYRIGHT OFFICE to analyze and make available to the public the office’s records dating back to 1978.

RECENT CLINIC PROJECTS

A PATENT APPLICATION for a class of metals capable of recovering their original shape and thickness after impact or crushing

CONVERTING a provisional patent application on technology designed by a pharmacology professor that may halt the spread of cancerous cells

A BRIEF on pharmaceutical patents in developing countries

PRIOR ART REVIEW, market research and marketing for a neuro-stimulation technique for the treatment of epilepsy

A PATENT APPLICATION for a battery-operated, handheld imaging device that promises to perform better than most ultrasound instruments

PRIOR ART SEARCH and a draft patent application for a novel seatbelt-control system

RECENT INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY EVENTS

A DISCUSSION WITH U.S. JUDGE T.S. ELLIS OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA, on patent cases and his decision-making process (Ellis heard a patent case at the Law School in 2015)

IP CAREERS FOR NON-SCIENCE MAJORS, with James Johnson Jr. ’79, former in-house trademark counsel for the Coca-Cola Company and Kellogg’s

HOW TO SURVIVE AND SUCCEED WORKING AT AN IP FIRM, with attorneys from Sterne Kessler Goldstein & Fox

THE FUTURE OF FASHION LAW: BLURRING THE SEAMS BETWEEN THE ACADEMY AND THE RUNWAY, a symposium sponsored by the Virginia Journal of Law & Technology

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

VIRGINIA JOURNAL OF LAW & TECHNOLOGY Virginia Law’s only e-journal, VJOLT, provides a forum for students, professors and practitioners to discuss emerging issues at the intersection of law and technology. Recent issues have included articles on biotechnology, telecommunications, e-commerce, Internet privacy and encryption.

VIRGINIA SOCIETY OF LAW & TECHNOLOGY VSLAT provides a forum for the discussion of issues relating to law and technology through speakers, panels and symposia. Recent events include a student discussion of career opportunities in the field of law and technology and presentations by private patent and trademark practitioners. VSLAT works with the faculty and administration to strengthen the Law School’s intellectual property curriculum and supports students pursuing careers in law and technology.

VIRGINIA LAW AND BUSINESS SOCIETY explores the nexus between the worlds of law and business, and sometimes features speakers on intellectual property topics.

JD/MBA SOCIETY serves as a focal point for communication between J.D. and MBA students and sponsors events and activities that promote interaction among the Law and Business School communities.