



INTELLECTUAL Property Law

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.



PROFESSOR JOHN DUFFY recently served on the winning legal team for a U.S. Supreme Court case that will have a significant impact on patent infringement litigation. The 8-0 decision in *TC Heartland v. Kraft Food Brands Group* will significantly curb so-called "forum-shopping" by plaintiffs for a friendly court venue.



PATENT AND LICENSING CLINICS

Being a good intellectual property lawyer requires adaptability in a dynamic field and an understanding of the realities of producing intellectual works.

RUN IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA PATENT FOUNDATION, two patent and licensing clinics offer hands-on experience as students learn how and when to file patents and draft licensing agreements, deal with clients in the science and technology fields, and research and write about cutting-edge patent topics.

CLINIC I: 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 on patentability, inventorship and the patenting process
- **DEAL** with patent examiners and research current issues in IP and technology transfer
- **PREPARE**, file and prosecute provisional U.S. patent applications

CLINIC II: STUDENTS 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.

COURSES AND SEMINARS

Advanced Patent Law
Bioethics and the Law
Biotechnology and the Law
Communications Law
Computer Crime

Copyright Law
Cultural Property
Current Issues in Forensic Science
Current Issues in Intellectual Property
Law
Cyber Law and Policy

Emerging Growth Companies and Venture Capital
Financing: Principles and Practice
Exercises in Rulemaking: Society, Technology and the

Law
Intellectual Property
Law Policy
Israeli Business law and Innovation
Legal Practice and the Startup Company: An Inside Look

Patent Law
Survey of Patent, Copyright, Trademark
Trade Secrets: History, Theory and Practice
Trademark Law

CLINICS

Patent and Licensing Clinic I
Patent and Licensing Clinic II

These courses represent the 2016-19 school years. Not all courses are offered every year.



UVA LAW PROFESSORS DOTAN OLIAR, an intellectual property expert, and **MICHAL BARZUZA**, a corporate law expert, often lead a six-day, two-credit January Term class called Israel Business Law and Innovation. The professors, who grew up in Israel and earned their first law degrees there, introduce UVA Law students to Israel's business environment through a series of lectures and meetings. In a recent course, students met with a justice on the Supreme Court of Israel, a judge on the new business court and the head of the Israel Patent Office, among others.

CLINIC PROJECTS RECENT CLINIC PROJECTS AT UVA LAW INCLUDE:

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

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

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

BRIEF ON PHARMACEUTICAL PATENTS in developing countries



U.S. DISTRICT COURT JUDGE T.S. ELLIS OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA presided at a patent hearing recently held at the Law School. Companies such as Apple, Google, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and Pinterest were among 17 defendants in a lawsuit involving alleged patent infringement of digital image organizational structures. The litigation was also the focus of a class taught by UVA Law intellectual property professors.

PICTURED are **SARAH BUCKLEY '14**, a clerk for Ellis; **PROFESSOR JOHN DUFFY**; **MAGISTRATE JUDGE JOHN ANDERSON '81**; **ELLIS**; **FORMER UVA LAW PROFESSOR MARGO BAGLEY**; and **ARCHITH RAMKUMAR '13**, a clerk for Ellis.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY EVENTS Recent events at UVA Law include:

STARTING A TECH COMPANY IN VIRGINIA, with Jeff Tennery, CEO of Moonlighting

SOCIAL MEDIA AND THE LAW, a student-organized symposium featuring Scott Mellon '06, associate general counsel in advertising and privacy at Facebook

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

BIOTECH: GENETIC ADVANCES AND IMPLICATIONS, with UVA Law professor Gil Siegal

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.

LAW, INNOVATION, SECURITY & TECHNOLOGY

LIST focuses on the novel legal, policy and business problems caused by the proliferation of emerging

technologies, through speakers and other activities. The group also educates students and prepares them with practical skills; connects them with a network of mentors, experts and resources; and collaborates with the policy, business and technology

communities. A recent networking event featured prominent attorneys from firms, U.S. attorneys' offices, the Justice Department, the FBI and various public interest groups like the American Civil Liberties Union.

VIRGINIA E*SOCIETY

The Virginia E*Society supports entrepreneurial initiatives across Grounds, connects law students with students from other schools, and serves as a hub for those interested in entrepreneurship and entrepreneurial law.



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