



# 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

Antitrust in the Digital Economy  
Art Law  
Biotechnology and the Law  
Communications Law

Computational Text Analysis for Legal Practice  
Computer Crime Law  
Copyright Law  
Cultural Property  
Current Issues in Intellectual Property

Law  
Emerging Growth Companies and Venture Capital  
Financing: Principles and Practice  
Exercises in Rulemaking -

Society, Technology and the Law  
Intellectual Property Law Policy  
Internet Law  
Israeli Business Law and Innovation  
Legal Practice and the

Startup Company: An Inside Look  
Music Law: Analytical and Client Management Skills  
Patent Law  
Survey of Patent, Copyright, Trademark

### CLINICS

Entrepreneurial Law Clinic  
Patent and Licensing Clinic I and II

These courses represent the 2018-21 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 Israeli 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 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

At first glance, ending mosquito-borne malaria sounds wonderful. But what would be the downside if science drove the species into extinction? **PROFESSOR MARGARET FOSTER RILEY** has been appointed to a new National Institutes of Health advisory committee that's exploring these kinds of biotechnological questions. The Novel and Exceptional Technology and Research Advisory Committee provides recommendations to the NIH director and a public forum for the discussion of the scientific, safety and ethical issues in biotech.



The Law School invites notable speakers to discuss topics relating to intellectual property. **AJIT PAI**, chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, recently spoke about promoting digital innovation and opportunity.

## INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY EVENTS RECENT EVENTS AT UVA LAW INCLUDE:

**ANTITRUST IN THE AGE OF TECHNOLOGY: THOUGHTS ON THE PRACTICE AND FUTURE OF ANTITRUST**, with former Davis Polk partner Chris Hockett '85

**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 visiting professor Gil Siegal

## STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

**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 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 LAW EMERGING COMPANIES AND VENTURE CAPITAL CLUB** ECVV is dedicated to supporting entrepreneurial initiatives across Grounds, connecting law students with students from other schools, and serving as a hub for those interested in entrepreneurship and entrepreneurial law.



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