INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

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.

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 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

ADVANCED CLINIC: 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
- Communications Law
- Computational Text Analysis for Legal Practice
- Computer Crime Law
- Copyright Law
- Cultural Property Emerging Growth Companies and
- Venture Capital Financing: Principles and Practice
- Intellectual Property Law Policy
- Internet Law
- Israeli Business Law and Innovation
- Law and Artificial Intelligence
- Law and Technology Colloquium
- Legal Practice and the Startup Company: An Inside Look
- Music Law: Analytical and Client Management Skills
- Patent Law
- Survey of Patent, Copyright, Trademark
- Trade Secret Law
- Trademark Law

These courses represent the 2020-21 school year. Not all courses are offered every year.

CLINICS
- Advanced Patent and Licensing Clinic
- Entrepreneurial Law Clinic
- Patent and Licensing Clinic
**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

**SPECIALIZED FACULTY** in Intellectual Property Law

- **EDMUND W. KITCH** is the author of "The Nature and Function of the Patent System," which has been recognized as one of the most important and famous modern articles on patent law.
- **THOMAS B. NACHBAR** is a leading scholar on the constitutional basis for intellectual property rights, and researches the nature of regulation, including the regulation of telecommunications, information governance, and antitrust law.
- An internationally recognized legal theorist, **LAWRENCE B. SOLUM** has worked on problems of law and technology, including artificial intelligence, internet governance, copyright policy and patent law.

**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 Mel- lon '06, associate general counsel in advertising and privacy at Facebook
- **IP CAREERS FOR NON-SCIENCE MAJORS**, with James Johnson Jr. '79, former inhouse 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, VIOLT, 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**
  - ECVC 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.

- **VIRGINIA LAW EMERGING FUND**

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