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School of Law  
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**CENTER FOR  
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW**

**JD LL.M.**





"Because Northeast Ohio has traditionally been a center for research and development, the School of Law has been training intellectual-property lawyers since the 1930s. Today, The University of Akron is a leader in the creation, dissemination, application and protection of new knowledge and technologies. Join us, and together we will shape the future."

— DR. LUIS M. PROENZA  
PRESIDENT



"Quite simply, we want Akron to be the leading center for intellectual property law."

— RICHARD L. AYNES  
DEAN OF THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON  
SCHOOL OF LAW

# What Some of Akron's Successful IP Alumni Say...



"Intellectual property law is playing an increasingly important role in the rapidly growing world technological-based economy. The University of Akron School of Law's particularly strong intellectual property faculty, its LL.M. program in intellectual property, and the school's proximity to and association with The University of Akron's excellent science, business and liberal arts programs provides a unique opportunity for those interested in a career in intellectual property."

**Mack Webner** ('68)  
Partner  
Sughrue Mion PLLC  
Washington, D.C.

"The economic damage caused by counterfeiting to the legitimate companies whose products are counterfeited is enormous. Losses to U.S. industries alone are estimated at \$200 to \$250 billion per year."

United States Trade Representative 2004 Special 301 Report

"... most high-tech industry products with commercial value are intellectual and need to be protected."

**Dr. Rochelle Seide** ('84)  
Partner  
Arnet Fox PLLC  
New York, New York



"For America to maintain its status as the premier economic power in the world, it must diligently protect the crown jewels of its companies – their intellectual property assets. The University of Akron IP Program effectively trains the protectors of the crown jewels."

**John Vasuta** ('92)  
Chief Counsel – IP, Bridgestone Americas  
General Counsel – BFS Brands

"In 2002, the U.S. 'total' copyright industries accounted for an estimated 12% of the U.S. gross domestic product (\$1.25 trillion)."

– *Copyright Industries in the U.S. Economy: The 2004 Report*  
The International Intellectual Property Alliance

# Consider Your Future

## Intellectual Property is Hot Property

Intellectual property (IP) is a term used to describe ownership of the human mind's creations – a story, a song, an idea.

Examples of intellectual property include inventions and other “industrial property,” creative works, trademarks, service marks, trade symbols, and certain merchandising methods.

The principal fields of law governing IP are patents, trade secrets, copyrights, trademarks, cyber law, unfair competition, and the right of publicity.

## Getting Started in IP

Students planning a career in IP may have different backgrounds. Patent law generally requires an undergraduate degree in science; chemical, electrical, mechanical, or polymer engineering; or computer science. Other areas of IP law do not require a technical background.

## Going Further in IP

Akron is one of only a few IP programs in the United States to offer an LL.M. in Intellectual Property. Recent law school graduates and experienced IP attorneys can obtain advanced training leading to the IP LL.M. Just like the J.D. program, LL.M. students can attend either full-time or part-time. LL.M. students bring a practical perspective to law school classes while learning cutting-edge material from our internationally-known IP Center faculty.

## Your IP Career Takes Off Here

With its close proximity to the industries that define IP, students at The University of Akron School of Law gain more than a great legal education. Through daily interactions with people who shape the law and easy access to the inventors, scientists, and researchers who shape technology, Akron law students have a tremendous opportunity to make lifelong, career-building relationships with the creative geniuses behind the technology.

Additionally, IP law students at The University of Akron are part of a larger academic community that includes a world-renowned polymer science program, an award-winning engineering program, and many other IP-related centers of excellence.

Come and discover The University of Akron School of Law, which has one of only a few Centers for Intellectual Property Law in the United States. Join Akron's IP track program to prepare yourself for a successful IP career or Akron's LL.M. program to expand your knowledge and opportunities.

For more information, visit:  
<http://www.uakron.edu/law/ip>

## AKRON'S IP CURRICULUM

Antitrust Law  
Computer Law  
Copyright Law  
Current Policy Issues Affecting Intellectual Property Law  
Cyberlaw  
Entertainment Law  
Intellectual Property Litigation  
International Intellectual Property Law  
International Investments and Commercial Transactions  
International Trade Law  
International Trademark Law  
Introduction to Intellectual Property Law  
Licensing Intellectual Property  
Managing Intellectual Property  
Media Law  
Patent Law and Policy  
Patent Prosecution  
Sports Law  
Taxation of Intellectual Property  
Trade Secrets  
Trademark Law  
Trademark Prosecution

## FUTURE OFFERINGS

Comparative Intellectual Property Law  
Intellectual Property Law Ethics and Practice  
Intellectual Property Law Remedies  
Intellectual Property Legislation  
International Copyright Law  
International Patent Law

You can view detailed course descriptions at:  
[www.uakron.edu/law/curriculum](http://www.uakron.edu/law/curriculum)

## CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

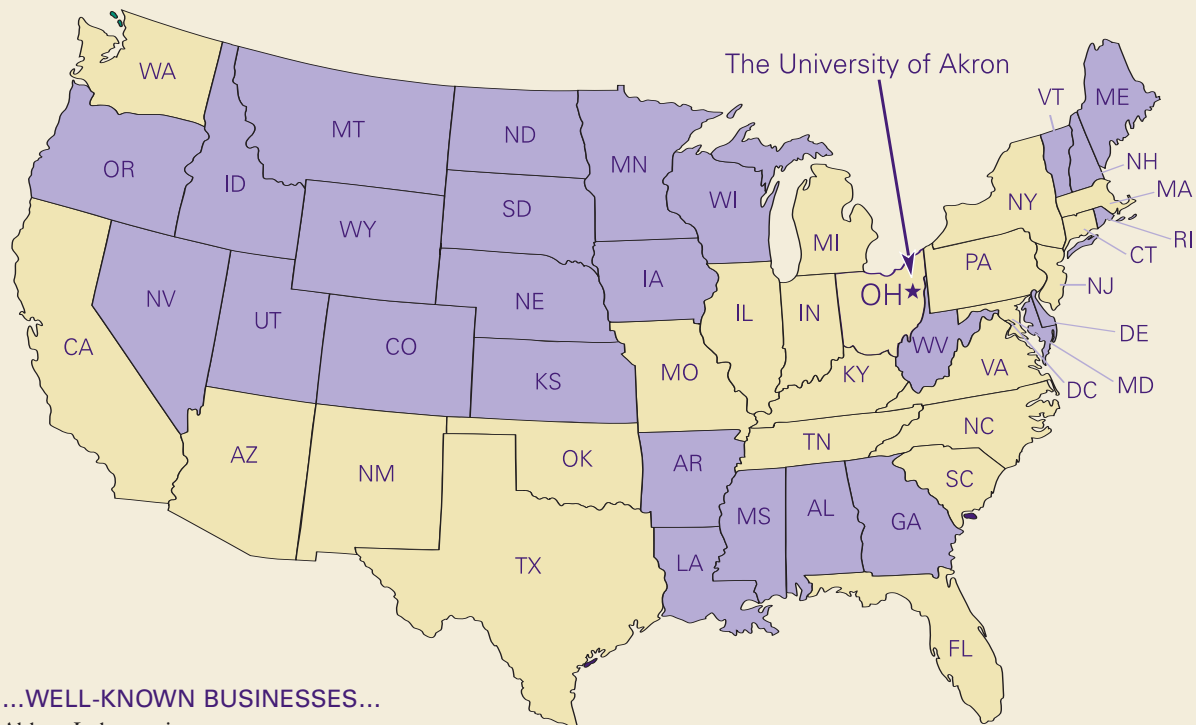
By completing a specialized course of study, J.D. students can graduate with a Certificate in Intellectual Property signifying the student's focus on IP coursework coupled with above-average grades in those courses. For more information, visit: <http://www.uakron.edu/law/curriculum/cp.php>

## IP CLUSTERS

J.D. students can focus their studies in one of four IP areas by completing the core courses in that group. The four areas are:

- Technology/Computers
- Publishing/Entertainment
- Marketing/Commerce
- Policy/Global Environment

# You'll Find Akron IP Alumni in...



## ...WELL-KNOWN BUSINESSES...

Abbott Laboratories  
 Alcan Aluminum Limited  
 Ashland Oil  
 Avery Denison Corporation  
 Bridgestone Firestone, Inc.  
 Clariant Corporation  
 Conoco, Inc.  
 The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company  
 The Hoover Company  
 McDermott, Inc.  
 Nationwide Insurance Companies  
 Philips Electronics North American Corporation  
 Raytheon Company  
 Sterling, Inc.

## ...PRESTIGIOUS LOCAL, NATIONAL, AND INTERNATIONAL LAW FIRMS...

Baker Botts, L.L.P.  
 Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Aranoff  
 Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione, P.C.  
 Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs, L.L.P.  
 Hahn, Loeser & Parks  
 Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue  
 Kellogg Brown & Root, Inc.  
 Renner, Kenner, Greive, Bobak, Taylor & Weber  
 Roetzel & Andress, L.P.A.  
 Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, L.L.P.  
 Sughrue, Mion, Zinn, Macpeak & Seas, PLLC

## ...AND GOVERNMENT.

United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit  
 United States Patent & Trademark Office (USPTO)  
 The University of Akron

## YOUR IP EDUCATION WILL OPEN THE DOOR TO MANY CAREER OPPORTUNITIES, INCLUDING:

- copyright attorney
- corporate counsel
- corporate executive
- entertainment agent
- government attorney
- licensing attorney
- litigator
- patent agent
- patent attorney
- patent examiner
- sports agent
- technology manager
- trademark attorney

■ According to the American Intellectual Property Law Association Report of the Economic Survey – 2003, the median national salary for intellectual property attorneys and agents was \$178,997. The median national salary for private firm associates was \$140,007, a 64-percent increase from the 1996 survey.

# The Center for Intellectual Property (IP) Law and Technology

The center manages the Intellectual Property Law Program at The University of Akron School of Law. Nationally respected, it is one of only a few IP centers in the United States. The center exposes the community to critical thinking in the intellectual property law field, invites distinguished speakers to campus, and hosts an annual Symposium on Intellectual Property Law and Policy.

Professor Jeffrey M. Samuels is the center's director. He served as the assistant commissioner of patents and trademarks of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). He currently chairs the Trademark Public Advisory Committee of the USPTO. Under his leadership, the center works closely with government, businesses, and industry to advise and educate leaders on intellectual property and its impact on economic development.

Supporting the center are more than two dozen IP professionals who comprise the IP Advisory Council. Their contributions of time, talent and resources help establish The University of Akron School of Law Center for Intellectual Property Law and Technology as a pre-eminent center of excellence.

The IP Advisory Council alerts the School of Law to developments in the ever-evolving field of intellectual property. The council:

- advances the IP curriculum;
- fosters relationships with businesses and law firms;
- assists students with career planning issues.

## IP Advisory Council members include:

- leading private practice and corporate counsel from around the country;
- an inventor and inductee to the National Inventors Hall of Fame;
- IP attorneys from Europe and Asia;
- United States District and Circuit Court judges;
- leading private practice and corporate counsel from around the country;
- alumni of The University of Akron School of Law; and
- government and University officials.

For a complete listing of IP Advisory Council members, visit [www.uakron.edu/law/ip/council](http://www.uakron.edu/law/ip/council)

## THE FUTURE . . .

The center will expand to offer exciting new opportunities. Current plans include a summer study abroad program in conjunction with another law school. Our growing international focus, including Fulbright scholars in our LL.M. program, will add new perspectives to our classes and discussions. And the Advisory Council will continue to suggest new and innovative programs and ideas, promising an exciting future.



“Women will take bigger roles in IP cases in coming years, once this crop of newcomers gains experience.”

- Closing the IP Gender Gap  
In a Male-Dominated Practice Area, Women Lawyers Begin to Gain Ground, *ABA Journal*, November 2004.

# IP Student Activities: Network with classmates and meet future colleagues

## MOOT COURT COMPETITIONS

Students can hone their advocacy skills by participating in trial and appellate advocacy classes, as well as in trial and moot court competitions. Our IP students compete in the Giles Sutherland Rich and Saul Lefkowitz Intellectual Property Moot Court Competitions.

## PUBLICATIONS

*The Akron Journal of Technology Transfer* is a student-run publication that became available on-line in the spring semester, 2005.

## STUDENT PROGRAMS – IP AND BEYOND. . .

Many students interested in IP join the Intellectual Property and Technology Law Association. Membership is open to all law students interested in intellectual property, computers and new technology. Participation is a great way to learn more about intellectual property. Student members can:

- attend IP seminars and meetings
- network with practicing IP attorneys
- receive discounts on locally-sponsored continuing legal education courses
- participate in the annual IP career roundtable and ask local professionals questions regarding the practice of IP law
- gain insight and valuable contacts that can aid in securing law clerk positions and future employment
- work on IP projects
- participate in special patent bar exam study sessions

Students join many organizations, from the Student Bar Association to groups with special interests, including the Black Law Students Association; Law Association for Women; and the Sports and Entertainment Law Society. These student organizations provide many opportunities to interact with other law students and local practitioners, from the annual Student Bar Association Auction and Barristers' Ball to golf outings, multicultural food fairs, and working with Habitat for Humanity.

## SAMPLE OF RECENT CLASS-FACTS AND FIGURES

- Approximately 40 percent expressed an interest in pursuing a career in intellectual property
- Nearly a quarter expressed an interest in pursuing an LL.M. in intellectual property at The University of Akron School of Law



# The University of Akron's World-Class IP Faculty



## Jeffrey M. Samuels

Brennan Professor and Director,  
Center for Intellectual Property Law  
and Technology

B.A., Colgate University

J.D., Albany Law School

Chair, Public Advisory Committee  
of U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

**Courses Taught:** Trademark Law,  
International Intellectual Property Law,  
Introduction to Intellectual Property  
Law, Trademark Prosecution, Current  
Issues in IP Law

## Bar Memberships

Ohio

District of Columbia

Virginia

New York

United States Court of  
Appeals for the Federal  
Circuit

United States District Court  
for the Northern District of  
Virginia

## IP Experience

Acting Assistant Secretary of  
Commerce and Commissioner  
of Patents and Trademarks

Assistant Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks

Private practice

Adjunct Professor, George  
Washington University School  
of Law and George Mason  
University School of Law



## Jay Dratler, Jr.

Goodyear Professor of Intellectual  
Property

A.B., with great distinction, University  
of California, Berkeley

M.S., Physics, University of  
California, San Diego

Ph.D., Physics, University of  
California, San Diego

J.D., magna cum laude, Harvard Law  
School; Articles Editor, Harvard Law  
Review

**Courses Taught:** Copyright, Licensing,  
Cyberlaw, Trade Secrets, Computer Law,  
Patent Law and Policy,

## Bar Memberships

California

Hawaii

United States District Court  
for the Northern District of  
California

United States District Court  
for the District of Hawaii

## IP Experience

Visiting Professor, University  
of New Mexico School of Law

Professor, University of Hawaii  
School of Law

Fulbright Fellow and Visiting  
Professor, Moscow State  
Institute of International  
Relations

Visiting Professor, University  
of California, Berkeley

Private practice



## A. Samuel Oddi

Giles Sutherland Rich Professor of  
Intellectual Property

B.S., Electrical Engineering,  
Carnegie-Mellon University

J.D., University of Pittsburgh

LL.M., highest honors, George  
Washington University

**Courses Taught:** Patent Law and  
Policy, International Intellectual  
Property Law, Copyright Law, Torts,  
Jurisprudence, Intellectual Property  
Policy and Jurisprudence.

## Bar Memberships

Illinois

Pennsylvania

United States District Court  
for the Western District of  
Pennsylvania

Court of Appeals for the  
Federal Circuit

United States Supreme Court

## IP Experience

Professor, Northern Illinois  
University College of Law

Visiting Professor, The  
Ohio State University College  
of Law

Visiting Professor, University  
of California, Davis, School  
of Law

Consultant/ Senior Legal  
Officer, World Intellectual  
Property Organization -  
Geneva, Switzerland

Patent Counsel, Rockwell  
International Corporation -  
Pittsburgh

Patent Attorney, Westinghouse  
Electric Corporation,  
Pittsburgh



**Samuel P. Baumgartner**

Associate Professor of Law

LL.B., University of Bern, Switzerland  
(magna cum laude)

M.A., in Legal Institutions, University of Wisconsin

LL.M., University of Wisconsin

Dr. iur., University of Bern, Switzerland  
(summa cum laude)

IP Courses: International Investments,  
International Trade



**Willa Gibson**

Professor of Law

B.A., Tulane University

J.D., Drake University, Honors Graduate

IP Course: Antitrust



**Richard J. Kovach**

McDowell Professor of Law

Intellectual Property Fellow

A.B., Oberlin College, Phi Beta Kappa,  
Woodrow Wilson Designate

J.D., Harvard University

IP Course: Taxation of Intellectual Property



**John P. Sahl**

Professor of Law

Intellectual Property Fellow

B.A., magna cum laude, Boston College

J.D., Vermont Law School

LL.M., Yale University

IP Courses: Sports Law, Entertainment Law



Full-time faculty members teach day and evening courses.

**Adjunct Faculty**

We supplement and enhance our curriculum by offering courses taught by adjunct faculty. Practitioners bring experience and expertise to the classroom to provide a critical link between theory and practice.

# LL.M. in Intellectual Property

Intellectual Property law is one of the most dynamic and fast-growing of any of the legal specialties

## WHY AN LL.M. IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY?

- keep abreast of the latest developments in the field
- specialize in IP law
- refine existing knowledge
- shift the emphasis of practice area to IP
- add IP to an existing specialty area (e.g., a litigator might pursue an LL.M. in IP to add IP litigation to an existing practice area)
- prepare for more advanced and complex work
- assume teaching positions
- assume IP practice group lead positions.

## LL.M. REQUIREMENTS

Up to nine credits of IP coursework completed at the J.D. level at any A.B.A.-approved law school within the past three years may be applied toward the 30 credits required for the LL.M. degree.

The LL.M. may be completed in one year as a full-time program or longer as a part-time program. Many IP courses are available in the evenings. Core coursework rotates between day and evening to facilitate attendance for part-time candidates.

## ONE-YEAR

Full-time Program (day or evening):

Fall Semester.....	12 credits
Spring Semester.....	12 credits
Summer Session*.....	6 credits
Total.....	30 credits

## TWO-YEAR

Part-time Program (day or evening):

Fall Semester.....	6 credits
Spring Semester.....	6 credits
Summer Session*.....	3 credits
Total.....	15 credits x 2 years

\*Six credits of thesis and internship required and would be completed during the summer.

## REQUIRED CORE COURSES:

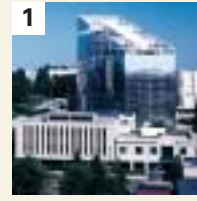
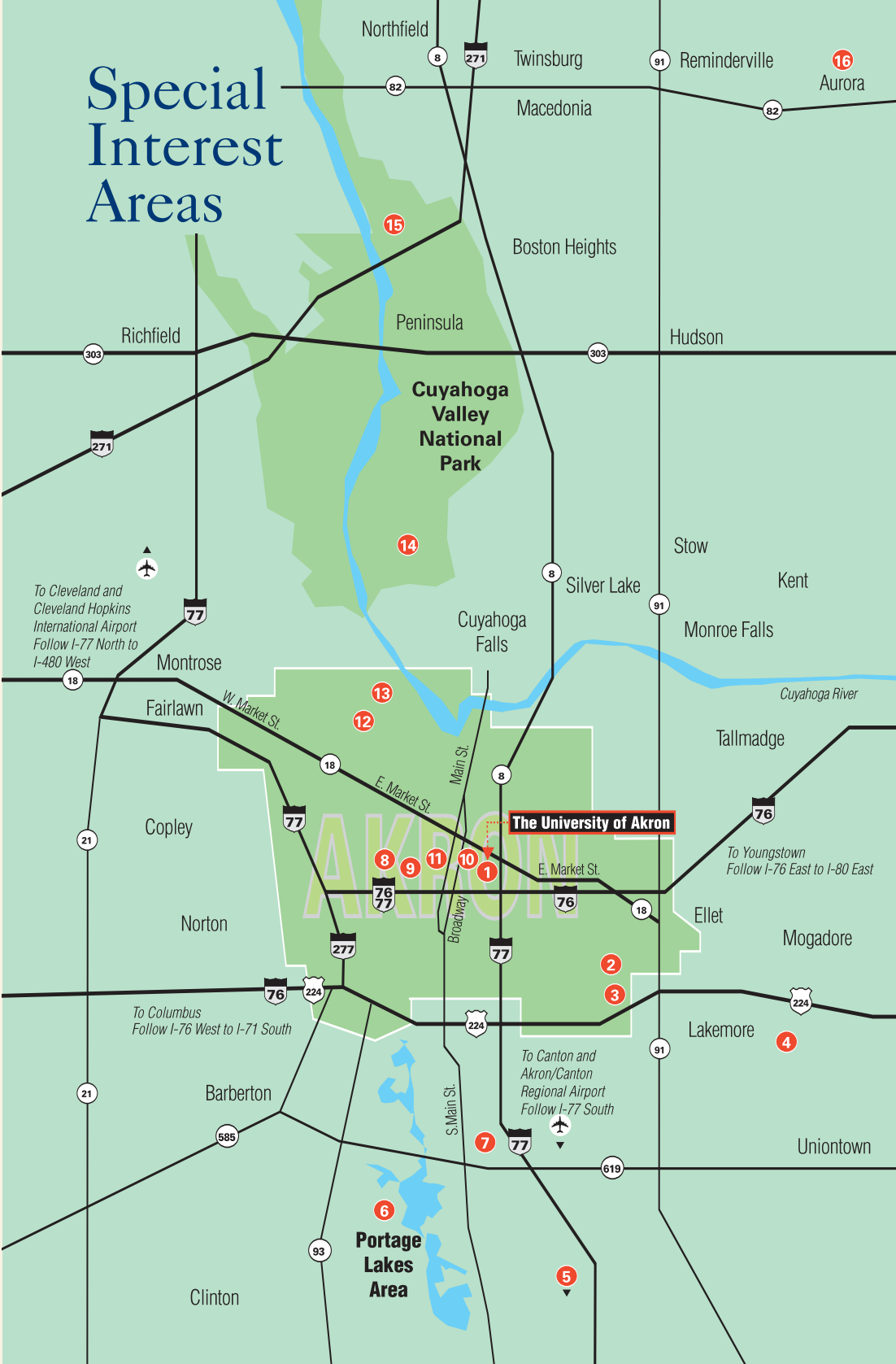
- Patent Law
- Copyright Law
- Trademark Law
- Internship/Externship
- LL.M. Seminar/Thesis
- International Focus Requirement

## CONCENTRATIONS:

Technology, Computers, Publishing, Entertainment, Marketing, Commerce, Policy, Global Environment



# Special Interest Areas



The University of Akron



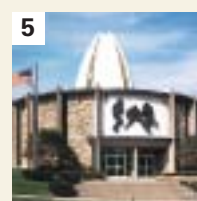
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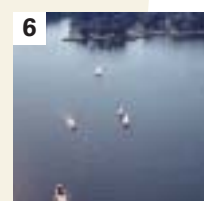
Derby Downs



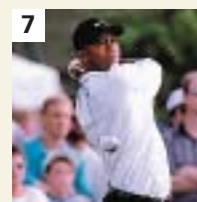
Goodyear Blimp, Wingfoot Lake



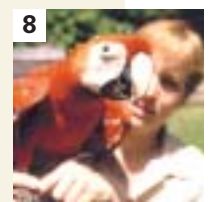
Pro Football Hall of Fame



Portage Lakes



NEC Invitational



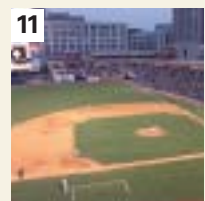
Akron Zoological Park



Perkins Stone Mansion



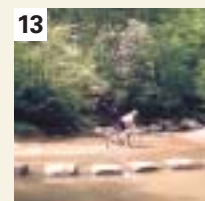
National Inventors Hall of Fame



Canal Park



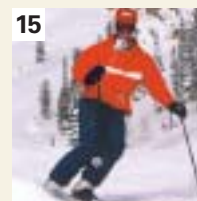
Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens



Sand Run



Blossom Music Center



Boston Mills Ski Resort



Gauga Lake & Wildwater Kingdom

# #1 and #2 Best Value Public Law School in America



## The University of Akron has...

- > The nation's largest single center of polymer education; ranked #2 in the country by U.S. News and World Report.
- > The second largest intellectual property portfolio among public universities in Ohio.

## Ohio Bar Exam

Akron ranked first for highest pass rate on two of the last five bar exams. Akron was the only Ohio law school to score at or above the state pass rate average for first-time takers on every bar examination of the eleven Ohio bar examinations offered February 1999 through July 2004. Additionally, Akron was one of only three Ohio law schools that scored above the state pass rate average for all takers on every bar exam during that period. Akron graduates have recently passed bar exams in California, Florida, New York, Pennsylvania, Colorado, and many other states.

### Graduates

Since 1921, we have graduated more than 6,000 lawyers.

Akron graduates are located throughout the U.S. and abroad.

### Trial Advocacy

- > #1 in the Nation – 2004 Association of Trial Lawyers of America
- > #2 in the Region, #4 in the Nation and #1 Best Advocate – 2004 National Black Law Students Association, Thurgood Marshall Mock Trial Competition
- > #1 in the Nation, #1 Best Advocate – 2003 National Institute for Trial Advocacy Tournament of Champions

### Specialized Studies

- > Business
- > Criminal
- > Intellectual Property and Technology
- > International
- > Labor and Employment
- > Litigation
- > Public Interest
- > Taxation
- > General Track

### Legal Clinic

- > Appellate Review
- > Clinical Seminar
- > Criminal, Judicial, and Public External Placements
- > Inmate Assistance Program
- > Transactional Clinic for New Businesses
- > Trial Litigation Clinic



### Juris Doctor Degree Programs

- > Three-year full-time, DAY (2.5 year graduation also available)
- > Four-year part-time, EVENING (3.5 year graduation also available)

### Four Joint Degree Programs

- > Juris Doctor/Master in Business Administration
- > Juris Doctor/Master of Science and Management in Human Resources
- > Juris Doctor/Master in Taxation
- > Juris Doctor/Master in Public Administration
- > Juris Doctor/Master of Applied Politics

### Two Certificate Programs

- > Intellectual Property
- > Litigation

### Master of Law (LL.M.) Program

- > Intellectual Property Law

Apply for Admission free of charge at [www.uakron.edu/law](http://www.uakron.edu/law)



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