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School of Law
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CENTER FOR
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW
AND TECHNOLOGY

J.D. 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.”

— MARTIN H. BELSKY
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
Arent Fox PLLC
New York, N.Y.



"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 2005, the U.S. 'total' copyright industries accounted for an estimated \$1.38 trillion (11.12 percent) of the U.S. gross domestic product."

– *Copyright Industries in the U.S. Economy: The 2006 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.

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. Its curriculum, also offered to J.D. students, was recently tied for fifth in the nation (IDEA—The Intellectual Property Law Review, 2005). 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

Discover The University of Akron School of Law. Join Akron's IP program to prepare yourself for a successful IP career or Akron's LL.M. program to expand your knowledge and opportunities.

In close proximity to the industries that define IP, and across the street from the National Inventors Hall of Fame, The University of Akron School of Law gives students 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.

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

AKRON'S IP CURRICULUM

Antitrust Law
Biotech Patent Law
Computer Law
Copyright Law
Current Policy Issues Affecting Intellectual Property Law
Cyberlaw
Entertainment Law
Intellectual Property Legislation
Intellectual Property Litigation
Intellectual Property Policy and Politics
International Copyright Law
International Intellectual Property Law
International Investments and Commercial Transactions
International Patent Law
International Trade Law
International Trademark Law
Introduction to Intellectual Property Law
Licensing Intellectual Property
Managing Intellectual Property
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

View detailed course descriptions at
www.uakron.edu/law/curriculum

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

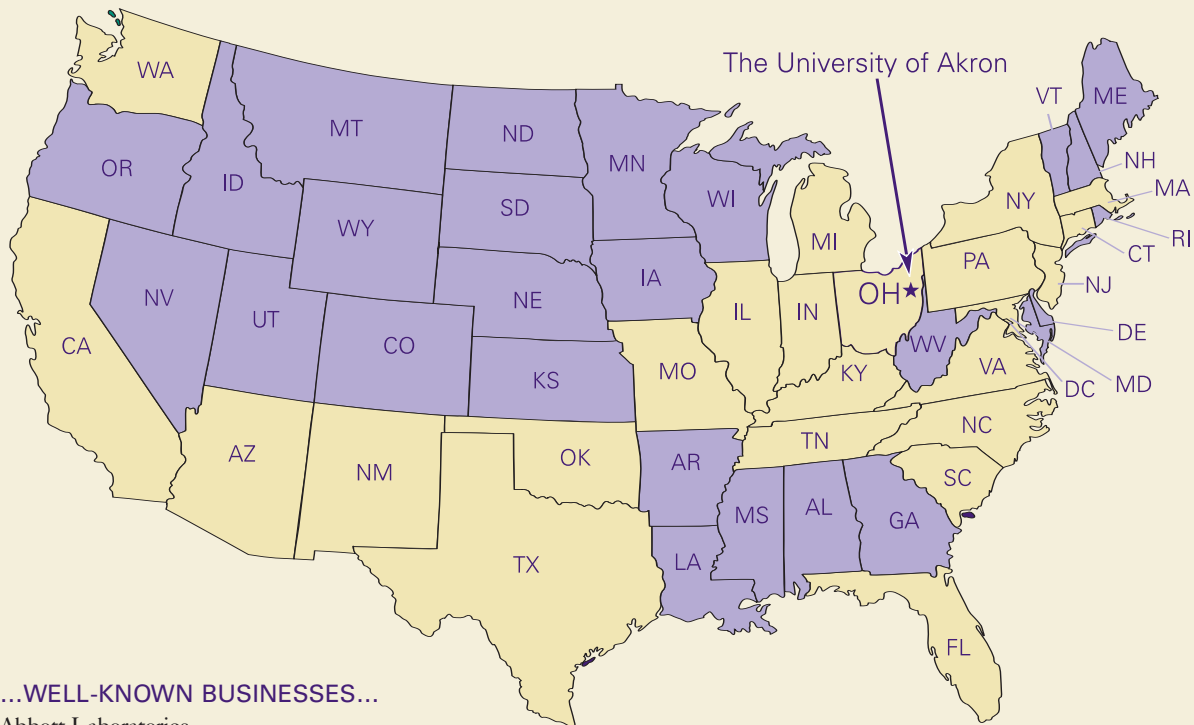
By completing a specialized course of study, J.D. students can graduate with a Certificate in Intellectual Property signifying the student's focus on IP coursework coupled with above-average grades in those courses. For more information, visit <http://www.uakron.edu/law/curriculum/cp.php>

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:

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

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
 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 - 2007, the median salary was \$344,500 for law firm IP partners; \$230,000 for heads of corporate IP departments; and \$152,677 for private law firm IP associates.

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.

Jeffrey M. Samuels is the center's director and the David L. Brennan Professor. 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.

Professor Jay Dratler, Jr. is the Goodyear Professor of Intellectual Property. He is the author of a two-volume treatise, *Intellectual Property Law: Commercial, Creative, and Industrial Property* (1991), and a one-volume treatise, *Licensing of Intellectual Property* (1994), each of which he updates annually. Professor Dratler has lectured internationally in Australia, Indonesia, Korea and Russia.

Professor A. Samuel Oddi is the Giles Sutherland Rich Professor of Intellectual Property. He is nationally recognized for his IP scholarship, as well as teaching IP abroad. Professor Oddi has served as the senior legal officer at the World Intellectual Property Organization in Geneva, Switzerland.

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 center as a preeminent center of excellence. The council advances the IP curriculum, fosters relationships with businesses and law firms, and 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;
- alumni of The University of Akron School of Law; and
- federal judges, government and University officials.

For a complete listing of IP Advisory Council members, visit 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. Our growing international focus 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 (Patent) and Saul Lefkowitz (Trademark) Intellectual Property Moot Court Competitions.

PUBLICATIONS

The Akron Intellectual Property Journal, a student-run publication, published its first two issues in spring and summer 2007.

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, Federalist Society, 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

David L. 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 and Unfair Competition Law, International Intellectual Property Law, Introduction to Intellectual Property Law, Trademark Prosecution, Current Issues in IP Law, Intellectual Property Policy and Politics, Seminar in Counterfeiting and Piracy

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

Professor, University of Hawaii School of Law

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

Visiting Professor, University of New Mexico School of Law

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

Bar Memberships

Illinois

Pennsylvania

United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

United States 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

Visiting Professor, University of Pittsburgh 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

Intellectual Property Fellow

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 has been, and is likely to continue to be, one of the hottest legal specialties. Practicing attorneys are increasingly confronted with issues relating to IP law. Prospective employers seek attorneys whose backgrounds and education will enable them to hit the ground running. The LL.M. is designed to meet these needs.

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

The LL.M. requires 30 credits for graduation. Up to nine credits of IP coursework completed at a satisfactory level as part of an ABA-approved J.D. program within the past three years may be applied toward these 30 credits.

The LL.M. may be completed in one year as a full-time program or longer as a part-time program. The part-time program will normally be completed in three to four years. Nine credits of thesis and policy are required. Many of the courses are available in the evenings. Core coursework rotates between day and evening to facilitate 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 per year

REQUIRED CORE COURSES:

- Patent Law & Policy
- Copyright Law
- Trademark Law
- Intellectual Property Policy & Practice (or Internship/Externship)
- LL.M. Thesis
- International Focus Requirement

CONCENTRATIONS:

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

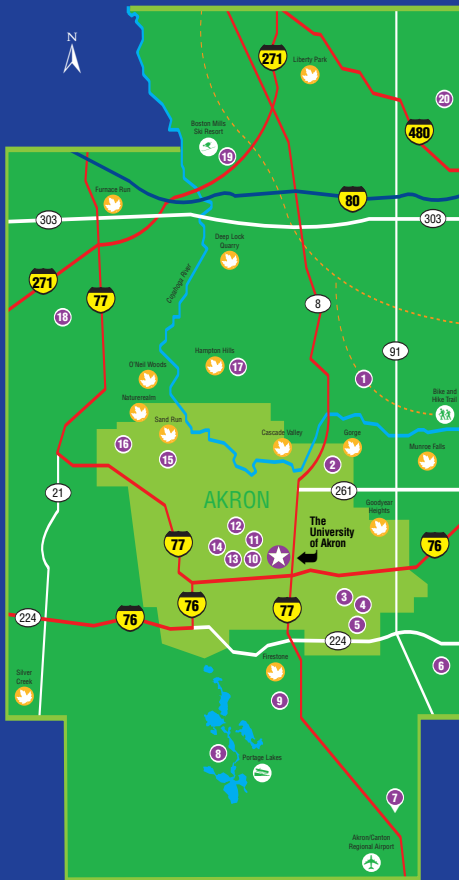


The Richard C. Sughrue Symposium on Intellectual Property Law and Policy

This annual symposium hosted by The University of Akron School of Law features distinguished IP professionals discussing the hottest topics in intellectual property and technology.

Richard C. Sughrue founded the intellectual property law firm of Sughrue Mion, PLLC in 1957 to provide high quality opinion work and client representation at the United States Patent Office to domestic clients. The firm steadily grew under his influence to become the full-range internationally recognized intellectual property law firm that it is today, now servicing clients worldwide in all aspects of patent, trademark, copyright, Internet, trade secret and unfair competition law. In his memory, Richard Sughrue's law firm is pleased to sponsor and participate in this nationally recognized Symposium on Intellectual Property Law and Policy.

Visit www.uakron.edu/law for complete details.



Summit County

Just Minutes Away...

Eventually, you'll need a change in scenery. So take a stroll downtown. Go biking in a Metropark. Hit the malls. Our central location gives you lots of options all year round.

1. Bike and Hike Trail
2. Chapel Hill Mall
3. Rubber City Air Show (Akron Municipal Airport)
4. Rubber Bowl
5. Derby Downs
6. Goodyear Blimp (Wingfoot Lake)
7. Pro Football Hall of Fame (Canton, Ohio)
8. Portage Lakes
9. Bridgestone Invitational (Firestone C.C.)
10. National Inventors Hall of Fame
11. Quaker Square
12. Akron Art Museum
13. Canal Park
14. Akron Zoo
15. Stan Hywet Hall
16. Summit Mall
17. Blossom Music Center
18. Hale Farm and Village
19. Boston Mills Ski Resort
20. Geauga Lake (Aurora, Ohio)



Since 1921, more than 6,000 people have chosen The University of Akron School of Law



Ohio Bar Exam

In the 1990s, the Supreme Court of Ohio increased the score required to pass the Ohio bar exam, reaching the current pass score in 1997. Since 1997, Akron has experienced outstanding bar exam pass rates. During that time, Akron's first-time taker pass rate has never fallen below 72%, has peaked at 93%, and has exceeded 80% more than 11 times, including the February 2007 bar exam, when Akron was #1 in the state with a 92% pass rate for first-time takers.

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.

Graduates

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

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

Trial Advocacy

The University of Akron's record with the National Institute for Trial Advocacy Tournament of Champions includes: National 1st place, 2003 and runner-up 2005, 2004 and 1998; Best Advocate, 2003 and 1996 preliminary rounds, 2004; Invited to compete 16 times since 1989.

Specialized Studies

- > Business
- > Criminal
- > Intellectual Property & Technology
- > International Private Law
- > Litigation
- > Taxation

Legal Clinic

- > Appellate Review
- > Civil Litigation Clinic
- > Criminal, Judicial & Public External Placements
- > Jail Inmate Assistance Program
- > New Business Legal Clinic
- > Prisoner Legal Assistance Clinic
- > Street Law
- > Other Pro Bono Opportunities

Juris Doctor Degree Programs

- > Three-year, Full-time, DAY (2.5 early graduation also available)
- > Four-year, Part-time, EVENING (3.5 year graduation also available)

Five Joint Degree Programs

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

Two Certificate Programs

- > Intellectual Property
- > Litigation

The University of Akron School of Law promotes justice, the protection of individual liberty and the rule of law through commitment to excellence in teaching, scholarship and service. For more information about The University of Akron School of Law, visit www.uakron.edu/law.

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