

Course Syllabus

Course Information

UNIV 4V96.501, INTRODUCTION TO PATENT LAW, Fall semester 2012

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Course Pre-requisites, Co-requisites, and/or Other Restrictions

Science background is preferred, but not required.

Course Description

This course focuses on the protection of rights in inventions by providing an introduction to basic principles of the law of patents in the United States. We will cover basic theory and history of patent law in the United States, examine the basic procedures of the MPEP necessary for passing the patent bar exam, and consider and learn the structural workings of patents. This class will also be a working seminar class where students will provide an analysis of actual technologies that were filed for inventors affiliated with the University of Texas at Dallas. This course will be designed for people with technical backgrounds as well as for those with non-technical backgrounds.

Student Learning Objectives/Outcomes

Students should expect:

1. To gain an understanding of key concepts in patent law;
 2. To learn and analyze technologies and patents/patent applications;
 3. To gain a foundation for preparation of possible patent bar examination.
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Required Textbooks and Materials

Paul Goldstein, **Copyright, Patent, Trademark and Related State Doctrines: Cases and Materials on the Law of Intellectual Property** (Foundation Press, Revised 5th ed.,

Assignments & Academic Calendar

August 27 - Introduction

September 3 is Labor Day Holiday

September 10 - Statutory Subject Matter

Readings: *Diamond v. Chakrabarty*, pg. 397; *State Street Bank & Trust Co. v. Signature Financial Group, Inc.*, pg. 403; Notes 411-415

September 17 – Statutory Standards

Readings: *Application of Borst*, pg 415; *Pfaff v. Wells Electronics, Inc.*, pg. 418; *TP Laboratories, Inc. v. Professional Positioners, Inc.*, pg. 424, Notes 434-442

September 24 – Non-Obviousness *

Readings: *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, pg. 442; *Stratoflex, Inc. v. Aeroquip Corp.*, pg. 450; Notes 463-468

October 1 – Sections 102 and 103: Prior Art; Utility

Readings: *Hazeltine Research, Inc. v. Brenner*, pg. 468, Notes 473-476; *Brenner v. Manson*, pg. 477; Notes 482-485

October 8 – Exam I

October 15 – Inventorship, Enabling Disclosure, Application

Readings: *Inventorship* pg. 485-486; *W.L. Gore & Associates v. Garlock, Inc.*, pg. 487; *Application* pg. 493-503

October 22, 29 – Rights and Remedies

Readings: *Paper Converting Machine Co. v. Magna-Graphics Corps*, pg. 513-522; *Wilbur-Ellis Co. v. Kuther*, pg. 522-524; Notes 524-533; *Rite-Hite Corp. v. Kelley Company*, pg. 533-545; Notes, pg. 546-550

November 5, 12 – Infringement

Readings: *Floyd H. Crews, Patent Claims and Infringement*, pg. 550; *Graver v. Linde* pg. 551; *Warner-Jenkinson v. Hilton Davis*, pg. 558-569; *Festo v. Shoketsu*, pg. 569 -578; *Floyd H. Crews, Patent Claims and Infringement*, pg. 578; Notes, pg. 579 -584

November 19 – holidays

November 26 – exam II

December 3 – KSR v. Teleflex; In re: Bilski; Bilski v. Kappos; Tech Presentations, pt. I

December 10 – America Invents Act; Tech Presentations, pt. II

Grading Policy

(including percentages for assignments, grade scale, etc.)

Exam I & II = 300 pts.

Technology Presentation = 300 pts.

Case Presentation = 300 pts.

Overall Participation = 100 pts.

Course & Instructor Policies

(make-up exams, extra credit, late work, special assignments, class attendance, classroom citizenship, etc.)

Please refer to the following website for Technology Presentation:

<http://utdallas.technologypublisher.com/>

UT Dallas Syllabus Policies and Procedures

The information contained in the following link constitutes the University's policies and procedures segment of the course syllabus.

Please go to <http://go.utdallas.edu/syllabus-policies> for these policies.

The descriptions and timelines contained in this syllabus are subject to change at the discretion of the Professor.