

ANTONIN SCALIA LAW SCHOOL AT GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY

SYLLABUS FOR  
PATENT & KNOW-HOW LICENSING (LAW 286-001)  
2 CREDIT HOURS  
CRN 23192  
LOCATION – ?  
SPRING 2024

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**CLASS SCHEDULE:** The course will meet on Tuesdays 8:10PM-10:10PM

Office Hours – upon request

**REQUIRED COURSE MATERIALS:**

1. Brunsvold, O’Reilly, & Kacedon, *Drafting Patent License Agreements*, (9<sup>th</sup> ed.), BNA Books [hereafter “**DPLA**”].

This book can be accessed for free after creating a GMU academic account at Bloomberglaw.com at: <https://www.bloomberglaw.com/browser/105.456350>

2. Cases and materials cited below in TWEN.
3. Newly decided cases and other materials posted to TWEN.

**EVALUATION/GRADING METHODS:** Grades will be based on a combination of two mid-term writing assignments and a final take-home assignment, based on the following allocation: 20% for each of the two drafting exercises; and 60% for final assignment. In addition, since class discussion is important to the learning process, we may also take class participation into account, raising grades for consistent, high-quality participation or lowering grades for chronic lack of preparation or unprofessional conduct. Classroom participation may account for a discretionary, single-increment adjustment either upward or downward (*e.g.*, from B to B+ or from A- to B+).

**LEARNING OUTCOMES:** By the end of the course students should have acquired/be able to:

- Understand a patent license
- Draft a patent license
- Understand the various considerations that relate to licenses such as implied licenses, patent exhaustion, Anti-trust, Misuse, Lear Doctrine, Bankruptcy, Trade-secret, Trademark, Copyright, and Right of Publicity

**CLASSROOM POLICIES:**

- **CLASS ATTENDANCE:**

Attendance will be taken at the beginning of each class. A student may be absent for three classes and still be in compliance with the attendance policy. Anyone showing up more than 25 minutes late will be marked “absent.” If you are tardy and arrive after attendance has been taken, it will be your responsibility to make sure that we mark you “present.”

- **COMPUTER USE**

Students may use computers or handheld devices for taking notes. Extraneous computer activities, such as surfing the internet or checking email, are strongly discouraged as they can negatively affect your performance.

- **EMAIL**

Students must use their MasonLive email account to receive important University information, including communications related to this class. We will not respond to messages sent from or send messages to a non-Mason email address.

- **CLASS RECORDINGS PROHIBITED:** Pursuant to Academic Regulation 4-2.2, no portion of a class session or an examination may be preserved by means of a recording device such as an audio recording device or camera. Any exceptions to this policy must be expressly permitted in writing by us.

## SYLLABUS – Spring 2024

### Class 1 – January 16, 2024

#### **Introduction to Course**

#### **Introduction to Patent Licensing**

Reasons for Licensing and Business Aspects of Licensing

Craft of Drafting License Agreements

#### **Transfer of Patent Rights**

License vs. Assignment

Text - Chapters 1-3

#### Cases

*Waterman v. Mackenzie*, 138 U.S. 252 (1891)

*Independent Wireless Telegraph. Co. v. RCA*, 269 U.S. 459 (1926).

*Alfred Mann Foundation v. Cochlear Corp.*, 604 F.3d 1354 (Fed. Cir. 2010).

*WIAV v. Motorola*, 631 F.3d 1257 (Fed. Cir. 2010)

*Arachnid, Inc. v. Merit Indus., Inc.*, 939 F.2d 1574 (Fed. Cir. 1991).

Joint Ownership

#### Cases

*Schering Corp. v. Roussel-UCLAF SA*, 104 F.3d 341 (Fed. Cir. 1997)

*Ethicon, Inc. v. U.S. Surgical Corp.*, 135 F.3d 1456 (Fed. Cir. 1998)

See TWEN for cases

### Class 2 – January 23, 2024

#### **Types of License Agreements**

Exclusive, Nonexclusive, Sole, Covenant Not to Sue

Text - Chapter 4

#### Cases

*TransCore, LP v. Elec. Trans. Consults. Corp.*, 563 F.3d 1271 (Fed. Cir. 2009)

Field of use, cross-license, grant-back

Text - Chapter 5

Sublicenses, compulsory licenses, shop right, foundry, and “have made” rights

Text - Chapter 5

Cases

*Rhone-Poulenc Agro, S.A. v. DeKalb Genetics Corp.*, 284 F.3d 1323  
(Fed. Cir. 2002)

*E.I. du Pont de Nemours & Co., Inc. v. Shell Oil Co.*, 227 U.S.P.Q. 233  
(D. Del. 1985)

*Cyrix Corp. v. Intel Corp.*, 77 F.3d 1381 (Fed. Cir. 1996)

**Class 3 – January 30, 2024**

**Elements of a License Agreement (1)**

Opening Part of the Agreement

Text - Chapter 10

Definitions

Text - Chapter 11

Cases

*Panduit Corp. v. Hellermannntyton Corp.*, 451 F.3d 819 (Fed. Cir. 2006)

The Grant Clause and Reservations

Text - Chapters 12 and 13

Cases

*Imation Corp. v. Philips*, 586 F.3d 980 (Fed. Cir. 2009)

*Timeline, Inc. v. Proclarity Corp.*, 2007 WL 1574069 (W.D. Wash. May 29, 2007)

*Mid-West Conveyor Co., Inc. v. Jervis B. Webb Co.*, 92 F.3d 992 (10th Cir. 1996)

*Jacobs v. Nintendo of America, Inc.*, 370 F.3d 1097 (Fed. Cir. 2004)

Grants for Improvements, Releases

Text - Chapter 13, 28

Cases

*Augustine Medical, Inc. v. Progressive Dynamics, Inc.*, 194 F.3d 1367  
(Fed. Cir. 1999)

*Diversified Dynamics Corp. v. Wagner Spray Tech Corp.*, 109 Fed. Appx. 29  
(Fed. Cir. 2004)

*Dinesol Building Prods. Ltd. v. Tapco Int’l*, 201 Fed. Appx. 764 (Fed. Cir. Sept. 11, 2006).

## Class 4 – February 6, 2024

### Elements of a License Agreement (2)

#### Consideration and Royalty Clauses

Text - Chapter 14

Cases

*Georgia-Pacific Corp. v. U.S. Plywood Corp.*, 318 F. Supp. 1116 (S.D.N.Y. 1970)

*Uniloc USA v. Microsoft*, 632 F.3d 1292 (Fed. Cir. 2011)

#### Most Favored Licensee Clauses

Text - Chapter 17

Cases

*Waterloo Furniture v. Haworth*, 467 F.3d 641 (7th Cir. 2006)

*Studiengesellschaft Kohle M.B.H. v. Hercules, Inc.*, 105 F.3d 629  
(Fed. Cir. 1997)

#### Best Efforts Clauses

Text - Chapter 4.03E

Cases

*Flight Concepts Ltd. v. Boeing Co.*, 819 F.Supp. 1535 (D. Kan. 1993)

#### Third Party Infringement

Text - Chapter 17.01

#### Assignability of License Agreements

Text - Chapter 18

Cases

*Institute Pasteur v. Cambridge Biotech Corp.*, 104 F.3d 489 (1st Cir. 1997)

**First Drafting Exercise** will be distributed and negotiating roles assigned for negotiation session. (Participation in this exercise will be a useful learning experience, but you will not be graded on your performance; volunteers are encouraged.) The First Drafting Exercise will be due in two weeks, on **February 20, 2024**.

## **Class 5 – February 13, 2024**

### **Negotiation Session**

During the first hour, a mock two-party negotiation session will be held based on the fact pattern set out in the First Drafting Exercise. Since it is important for the exercise that you actually observe the exercise, **please make every effort to attend this class.**

### **Ethics in License Negotiations**

### **Litigation Consequences of License Negotiations**

Text - Chapter 9

#### Cases

*Minnesota Mining v. Nippon*, 63 F.3d 694 (8th Cir. 1995)

*SanDisk v. STMicroelectronics*, 480 F.3d 1372 (Fed. Cir. March 26, 2007)

## **Class 6 – February 20, 2024**

### **First Drafting Exercise is Due**

### **Elements of a License Agreement (3)**

Representations and Warranties

Text - Chapter 19

Indemnification

Text - Chapter 20

Responsibility for Patent Prosecution

Text - Chapter 21

Miscellaneous Clauses

Text - Chapter 22, 23

Term and Termination

Text - Chapter 24

Execution of Agreements

Text - Chapter 25

## **Class 7 – February 27, 2024**

### Implied Licenses

Text - Chapter 7

#### Cases

*Wang Labs Inc. v. Mitsubishi Electronics Am. Inc.*, 103 F.3d 1571

(Fed. Cir. 1997)

*Scholle Corp. v. Blackhawk Molding Co., Inc.*, 133 F.3d 1469 (Fed. Cir. 1998)

*TransCore, LP v. Elec. Trans. Consults. Corp.*, 563 F.3d 1271 (Fed. Cir. 2009)

*General Protecht Group, Inc. v. Leviton Mfg. Co.*, 2011 WL 2666222 (Fed. Cir. July 8, 2011)

### Patent Exhaustion

Text - Chapter 8

#### Cases

*Quanta Computer Inc. v. LG Electronics, Inc.*, 128 S. Ct. 2109 (2008).

*Adams v. Burke*, 84 U.S. 453 (1873)

*U.S. v. Univis Lens Co.*, 316 U.S. 241 (1942)

*Jazz Photo Corp. v. ITC*, 264 F.3d 1094 (Fed. Cir. 2001)

*Fuji Photo v. Jazz Photo*, 394 F.3d 1368 (Fed Cir. 2005)

## **March 5, 2024– No class**

## **Class 8 – March 12, 2024**

### **Antitrust Considerations in Licensing**

Text - Chapter 35

### Antitrust Statutes - Per se vs. Rule of Reason

#### Cases

*United States v. General Elec. Co.*, 272 U.S. 476 (1926)

*Mallinckrodt v. Medipart*, 976 F.2d 700 (Fed.Cir. 1992)

### DOJ/FTC Antitrust Guidelines

Text - Appendix A

Licensing Practices with Possible Antitrust Issues: Price Fixing, Market Division, Patent Pools, Refusals to License, Tying, Packaging,

#### Cases

*Independent Ink, Inc. v. Illinois Tool Works, Inc.*, 126 S.Ct. 1462 (2006)  
*In re Independent Service Organization*, 203 F.3d 1322 (Fed. Cir. 2000)

## Antitrust and Settlement Agreements

### Cases

*In re Ciprofloxacin Hydrochloride Antitrust Litigation*, 544 F.3d 1323 (Fed. Cir. 2008)  
*Arkansas Carpenters v. Bayer*, 604 F.3d 98 (2d Cir. 2010)  
*Valley Drug Co. v. Geneva Pharms., Inc.*, 344 F.3d 1294 (11th Cir. 2003)  
*In re Cardizem CD Antitrust Litigation*, 332 F.3d 896 (6th Cir. 2003)

## Antitrust and Standard Setting

### Cases

*Rambus v. Infineon Technologies*, 318 F.3d 1081 (Fed.Cir. 2003)  
*Rambus v. FTC*, 522 F.3d 456 (D.C. Cir. 2008)  
*Qualcomm Incorporated v. Broadcom Corp.*, 548 F.3d 1004 (Fed. Cir. 2008)

January 23, 2008 Statement of the F.T.C. in the matter of *Negotiated Data Solutions, Inc.*, and Dissenting Statements

(available at <http://www.ftc.gov/os/caselist/0510094/index.shtm>)

April 30, 2007 DOJ Business Review Letter re IEEE

(available at <http://www.usdoj.gov/atr/public/busreview/222978.htm>)

## **Class 9 – March 19, 2024**

### **Misuse Considerations in Licensing**

Text - Chapter 35.02-35.06

#### Patent Misuse and the Federal Circuit

### Cases

*Princo Corp. v. ITC*, 616 F.3d 1318 (Fed. Cir. 2010) (*en banc*)  
*Virginia Panel Corp. v. MAC Panel Co.*, 133 F.3d 860 (Fed. Cir. 1997)

Specific Types of Misuse: Tying, Tie-Outs, Compulsory Package Licensing, Compulsory Total Sales Royalty, Label Licensing, Post-Expiration Royalties

### Cases

*Morton Salt Co. v. G.S. Suppiger Co.*, 314 U.S. 488 (1942)  
*Zenith v. Hazeltine Research, Inc.*, 395 U.S. 100 (1969).  
*Princo Corp. v. ITC*, 563 F.3d 1301 (Fed. Cir. 2009)  
*U.S. Philips. Corp. v. ITC*, 424 F.3d 1179 (Fed. Cir. 2005)  
*Brulotte v. Thys Co.*, 379 U.S. 29 (1964).  
*Kimble v. Marvel Entertainment*, 576 U.S. \_\_\_ (2018)

## **Class 10 – March 26, 2024**

### **Lear Doctrine**

Text - Chapter 27

#### Cases

*Lear v. Adkins*, 395 U.S. 653 (1969)

*Foster v. Hallco Mfg. Co.*, 947 F.2d 469 (Fed. Cir. 1991)

*Studiengesellschaft Kohle M.B.H. v. Shell Oil Co.*, 112 F.3d 1561 (Fed. Cir. 1997)

*Medimmune, Inc. v. Genentech, inc.*, 127 S.Ct. 764 (2007)

*Baseload Energy, Inc. v. Roberts*, 619 F.3d 1357 (Fed. Cir. 2010)

**Second Drafting Exercise** will be distributed. The Second Drafting Exercise will be due on **April 2, 2024**.

## **Class 11 – April 2, 2024**

### **Second Drafting Exercise is Due**

### **International Technology Transfer and Regulation**

Text - Chapters 32, 33

### **Bankruptcy Issues in Licensing**

Text - Chapter 26

#### Cases

*In re Alltech Plastics, Inc.*, 5 U.S.P.Q.2d 1806 (W.D. Tenn. 1987)

*In re Catapult Entertainment*, 165 F.3d 747 (9th Cir. 1999)

*In re Storm Technology*, 260 B.R. 152 (N.D. Cal. Br. 2001)

## **Class 12 – April 9, 2024**

### **Know-How and Trade Secret Agreements**

Text - Chapters 29 and 30

#### Cases

*Celeritas v. Rockwell*, 150 F.3d 1354 (Fed. Cir. 1998)

*IDX Systems v. Epic Systems*, 285 F.3d 581 (7th Cir. 2002)

**Class 13 – April 16, 2024**

**Licensing of Government and Universities**

Text - Chapter 34

Cases

*Campbell Plastics Engineering & Mfg, Inc. v. Brownlee*, 389 F.3d 1243  
(Fed. Cir. 2004)

*Central Admixture Pharmacy Services, Inc. v. Advanced Cardiac Solutions*, 482 F.3d 1347  
(Fed. Cir. 2007)

*Stanford v. Roche Molecular Sys.*, 131 S.Ct. 2188 (2011).

**Licensing of Trademarks, Copyright, and the Right of Publicity**

The **final writing assignment** will be distributed, and is **due by Tuesday, April 30, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.** Please submit your assignment by email.

## **ADDITIONAL SCHOOL POLICIES AND RESOURCES:**

**ACADEMIC INTEGRITY:** It is expected that students adhere to the Antonin Scalia Law School Honor Code. The Honor Code prohibits lying, cheating, or stealing. This includes a student obligation to never represent the work of another as their own, and to never provide or accept unauthorized assistance on any school related assignment. The Honor Code is available here: <https://sls.gmu.edu/honor/>.

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### **FINAL PAPER DELAYS:**

- **PAPER EXTENSIONS:** Except for instances described in AR 4-4.1(b)(ii), faculty may not grant deadline extensions for final papers (i.e. any written assignment that accounts for 50% or more of the final course grade); all authority in this matter is delegated to the Assistant Dean, Student Academic Affairs. Excuses and requests for a deadline extension must be presented, with appropriate documentation, to the Assistant Dean, Academic Affairs. Except in emergencies, deadline extensions must be sought in advance of the scheduled deadline.

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