PATENT LITIGATION & STRATEGY

Course Number: PROP 7020 001  Call # 000050

Semester: Spring 2014
Professor: Liles
Credits: 3 Classroom
Primary Basis for the Grade: Letter grade based upon contribution to class discussion, quality of analysis on submitted briefs, and quality of presentations at simulated oral hearings/motions.
Prerequisites: None

Enrollment: Capped at 20
Meets the Seminar Requirement? Yes
Meets the Writing Requirement? Yes
Meets Client Counseling Requirement? No
Meeting Times: Mondays, 6:05pm – 7:30pm; Wednesdays, 6:35pm – 8:00pm
Location: 204

COURSE DESCRIPTION:
This course will focus on the unique procedural, substantive and strategic aspects of patent litigation and enforcement. The course will benefit students seeking to acquire broad-based litigation skills as well as those with specific interest in patent law. For students specifically interested in patent law, the course is designed to benefit not only those with litigation interests, but also those interested in improving the quality of patents they may draft and prosecute by learning how issued patents are analyzed in courts and attacked in litigation. Specific topics include claim interpretation, the interrelationship between written descriptions and claims, proof of infringement, special issues in attorney/client privilege and waiver, discovery of confidential information, validity issues, patent remedies and defenses. Students will have the opportunity to prepare written pleadings and briefs and to orally argue claim interpretations and infringement/non-infringement positions in simulated hearings and/or motions. Performance on these projects will form the basis for student assessment.

SPECIAL NOTE:
Taking this course satisfies only one of the graduation requirements (seminar or writing). If you take this course and have not yet satisfied the seminar requirement, you will be deemed to have met the seminar requirement. However, if you take this course and you have already met the seminar requirement, you will be deemed to have met the writing requirement. Two, separate courses are required to satisfy both the seminar and writing requirements. No one course satisfies them both.

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