

Graduate Student Workshop Committee presents

Intellectual Property Workshop

The field of intellectual property provides as a career choice for many college graduate chemists. The purpose of this workshop is to further introduce and expose us to a career in intellectual property (IP).

11 a.m.
Tuesday, March 1
117/119 Smith Hall

Presentation by **Dale Bjorkman, J.D.**
Attorney, Kagan Binder, PLLC

Intro to Intellectual Property from a Career Perspective: What it is, What it isn't, and One Practitioner's Story

Dale Bjorkman will kick-off the workshop with his presentation, "Intro to Intellectual Property from a Career Perspective: What it is, what it isn't, and one practitioner's story." Bjorkman will provide a brief overview of IP (patents, trademarks, copyrights, trade secret), a discussion of the different tasks that are carried out to secure, protect and use those rights, and how those tasks translate to careers. He also will discuss his meandering career path that has allowed him to have great jobs in government, business, and private practice. Finally, he will give observations about ways to prepare for a career in IP, and things to look for in potential employers and job situations that will provide the best experience and lead to a happy ending.

Panel Discussion

Attendees will be able to ask questions about topics in intellectual property to an esteemed panel. Topics include day-to-day responsibilities, job requirements in regards to academics, how do you use chemistry on a daily basis, etc. Panelists include:

Ann Mueting, Ph.D., J.D.

Attorney, Mueting, Raasch & Gebhardt, P.A.

Anthony Strauss, J.D.

Attorney, Schwegman, Lundberg & Woessner

Dale Bjorkman, J.D.

Attorney, Kagan Binder, PLLC

Leza Besemann, M.S.

Technology Strategy Manager, University of Minnesota

Neil Graf, M.S.

Graduate Student, University of Minnesota

Former Patent Examiner, US Patent and Trademark Office

Lunch will be provided. All graduate students and post-doctoral candidates are welcomed to attend. Please RSVP by sending an email to chemgswc@umn.edu.