



**Class Schedule and Assignments**

Date	Class Topics	Assignments Due
<b>August 24</b>	<p>How the course is organized            Overview of the patent writing process            What is an invention (problem-solution approach)            Parts, form, and content of a patent application -- A writing approach that works            Discuss assigned case</p> <p><b>Assign Reading #1:</b> Claim interpretation and scope</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <u>Due: August 31</u></li> <li>➤ <i>In re Morris</i>, 127 F.3d 1048 (Fed. Cir. 1997).</li> <li>➤ <i>Apple Computer, Inc. v. Articulate Systems, Inc.</i>, 234 F.3d 14 (Fed. Cir. 2000).</li> <li>➤ <i>Multiform Desiccants, Inc. v. Medzam, Ltd.</i>, 133 F.3d 1473 (Fed. Cir. 1998).</li> <li>➤ <i>In re Donaldson Co.</i>, 16 F.3d 1189 (Fed. Cir. 1994).</li> </ul>	<p><u>Pre-course case reading:</u>  <i>Sage Prods., Inc. v. Devon Indus., Inc.</i>, 126 F.3d 1420 (Fed. Cir. 1997)</p>
<b>August 31</b>	<p>Claim drafting, including discussion of types of claims            Discuss assigned cases</p> <p><b>Assign Writing #1:</b> Independent Claim Drafting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <u>Due: September 7</u></li> <li>➤ Invention Disclosure - Leak Detector</li> </ul>	Reading Assignment #1
<b>September 7</b>	<p>Claim interpretation and scope</p> <p><b>Assign Writing #2:</b> Dependent Claim Drafting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <u>Due: September 14</u></li> <li>➤ Invention Disclosure (cont'd) – Leak Detector</li> </ul>	Writing Assignment #1
<b>September 14</b>	<p>Review of Writing Assignment #1            Claim drafting discussion            In-class claim drafting (Eyeglasses)</p> <p><b>Assign Reading #2:</b> Claim Drafting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <u>Due: September 21</u></li> <li>➤ <i>Silicon Graphics, Inc. v. ATI Techs., Inc.</i>, 607 F.3d 784 (Fed. Cir. 2010).</li> </ul>	Writing Assignment #2
<b>September 21</b>	<p>Review of Writing Assignment #2            Claim drafting including claim set strategy</p> <p><b>Assign Writing #3:</b> Full Claim Set</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <u>Due: September 28</u></li> <li>➤ Invention Disclosure – Chuck</li> </ul>	Reading Assignment #2

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<b>September 28</b>	<p>[Guest Speaker] Biotech/Chemical Patent Applications</p> <p><b>Assign Reading #3: Inventorship</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <u>Due: October 5</u></li> <li>➤ <i>Burroughs Wellcome Co. v. Barr Laboratories</i>, 40 F.3d 1223 (Fed. Cir. 1994).</li> <li>➤ <i>Acromed Corp. v. Sofamor Danek Group, Inc. and Danek Medical, Inc.</i>, 253 F.3d 1371 (Fed. Cir. 2001).</li> <li>➤ <i>BJ Services Co. v. Halliburton Energy Services, Inc.</i>, 338 F.3d 1368 (Fed. Cir. 2003)</li> <li>➤ <i>Ethicon, Inc. v. U.S. Surgical Corp.</i>, 135 F.3d 1456 (Fed. Cir. 1998).</li> <li>➤ Inventorship Problem (posted on TWEN)</li> </ul>	Writing Assignment #3
<b>October 5</b>	<p>Review of Writing Assignment #3</p> <p>Inventorship</p> <p>Discuss Inventorship Problem</p> <p>Parts of the Application</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Background of the Invention</li> <li>➤ Drawings</li> <li>➤ Brief Description of the Drawings</li> <li>➤ Parts List</li> <li>➤ Abstract and Title</li> <li>➤ Summary of the Invention</li> </ul>	Reading Assignment #3
<b>October 12</b>	NO CLASS – OBSERVE MONDAY SCHEDULE	
<b>October 19</b>	<p>Parts of the Application (cont'd)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Detailed Description</li> </ul> <p><b>Assign Writing #4: Detailed Description</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <u>Due: October 26</u></li> <li>➤ Leak Detector full detailed description</li> </ul>	
<b>October 26</b>	<p>Claim drafting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Discussion of claim sets and prior art</li> <li>➤ Sample problems in class</li> </ul> <p><b>Assign Writing #5: Prior Art</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <u>Due: November 2</u></li> <li>➤ Water Heater claim set</li> </ul>	Writing Assignment #4

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<b>November 2</b>	Review of Writing Assignment #4 Claim drafting and prior art discussion Sample problems in class  <b>Assign Writing #6:</b> Complete Patent Application ➤ <u>Due: November 16</u> ➤ Invention Disclosure – Arrowhead  <b>Assign Reading #4:</b> Subject Matter Eligibility ➤ <u>Due: November 9</u> ➤ USPTO Guidance on Subject Matter Eligibility	Writing Assignment #5
<b>November 9</b>	Review of Writing Assignment #5 Summary of application drafting principles and case study Subject Matter Eligibility (101) Altering claim scope (post-grant proceedings) Continuation applications (technology modifications) Design-around	Reading Assignment #4
<b>November 16</b>	[Guest Speaker] Additional perspectives in patent writing	Writing Assignment #6
<b>November 23</b>	Review of Writing Assignment #6	