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Biography

Professor Jeffrey Lefstin graduated from Brown University, Sc.B., Biology, magna cum laude (1989); University of California, San Francisco, Ph.D., Biochemistry (1997); and Stanford Law School, J.D., Order of the Coif (2000). He teaches and writes about patent and intellectual property law. He joined the UC Hastings faculty in 2003 after serving as a law clerk to Judge Raymond C. Clevenger, III, at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit in Washington, DC. Prior to his clerkship, he practiced patent and antitrust law with the biotechnology and litigation groups at Townsend, Townsend & Crew in San Francisco.

In his previous life he was a molecular biologist, studying mammalian gene regulatory mechanisms and DNA-protein interactions. His scientific papers appeared in Nature, Genes & Development, and the Journal of Molecular Biology. His current research focuses on the intellectual architecture of patent law and problems of interpretation in patent litigation. He has served as an expert witness on patent law matters, and lectured for Patent Bar Review courses.

Expertise

Education/Learning, Legal Services

Areas of Expertise

Patent Law, Patent Litigation, Biotechnology, Contract Law, Intellectual Property Law

Affiliations

State Bar of California : Member (Since 2000), United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit : Bar Member (Since 2000), United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit : Bar Member (Since 2003)

Event Appearances

Legal Indeterminacy and the Path-Dependence of Claim Interpretation
9th Annual Property Symposium

The Formal Structure of Patent Law and the Limits of Enablement
Intellectual Property Scholars Conference

The Limits of Enablement
MSU Intellectual Property & Telecommunications Workshop

The Path-Dependence of Claim Construction, and its Implications for Predictability in Patent Litigation
Intellectual Property Scholars Conference

Education

Stanford Law School
J.D. Law

University of California, San Francisco
Ph.D. Biochemistry

Brown University
Sc.B. Biology

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