BE READY
TO HELP A STARTUP TAKE OFF

IP Law/Sports & Entertainment Law
In a dynamic culture where a great idea or a great performance can (still) change the world, you need practical experience to step up your legal game. The Intellectual Property (IP) Venture Clinic gives you a chance to work with visionary new companies from their start in a garage, dorm room, or lab. You'll gain expertise in commercialization, intellectual property transactions, venture finance, and design and innovation. Our Spangenberg Center for Law, Technology & the Arts focuses on IP, innovation, and technology transfer. Our sports and entertainment law program leads to externships and experience with professional teams and rising artists, preparing you for a career as an agent or a contract negotiator.

Here's a Bright Idea
Our IP Venture Clinic represents early-stage entrepreneurs—many of them CWRU students. Student teams learn how to create IP protection strategies, structure corporate entities and charter documents, prepare investment diligence, and write private placement memos.

Dual Degrees
> JD/MA (Art History and Museum Studies)
> JD/MBA (Business)
> JD/MS (Biochemistry)

Study and Work Abroad
Participate in the Transatlantic Intellectual Property Summer Academy, featuring leading IP scholars and researchers in CWRU’s joint summer program with Italy’s Bocconi University. Or spend a summer as an extern at the World Intellectual Property Organization, in Geneva, Switzerland, working on cutting-edge IP issues.

Comprehensive Curriculum
Our Fusion curriculum does what it says, melding the law, business, and tech aspects of commercializing new ideas. The three-course sequence covers patent law, venture finance and transactions, and commercialization and IP management. Other on-point courses include:
> Business Associations
> Commercialization & IP Management
> Copyright Law
> Cyberspace Law
> Law of the Music Industry
> Museum Law
> Patent Law
> Patent Preparation and Prosecution I & II

“In the IP Venture Clinic, I helped launch a CWRU startup. It was an incredible hands-on experience that opened the doors for my job as an IP attorney at a Pittsburgh law firm.”

Daniel Murray ’18
Daniel Murray wanted to keep using his engineering degree after law school. In CWRU’s unique IP Venture Clinic, Dan worked with Boundary Labs, a company founded by a CWRU engineering student with an innovative aviation design. Learning about the legal issues of starting a tech business, from operating agreements to patent applications to capitalization tables, he helped create the solid legal foundation that Boundary Labs needed to attract investors.
Manage Artists and Athletes
An outstanding play, on Broadway or on the field, deserves protection. Our courses in arts and sports management include:
> Representing the Musical Artist
> Intellectual Property and First Amendment in the Arts
> Negotiation Strategies in Sports Management
> Law of the Visual Arts
> Intellectual Property and Dealmaking

Our master’s degree in patent practice helps STEM majors prepare for careers as patent agents, a new field with high earnings potential.

Graded A+ in intellectual property law.**

*Top 25% in Intellectual Property Law*
*U.S. News and World Report, 2021*

**preLaw magazine
The Great Lakes are Cleveland’s front yard, and that energy flows through a diverse and welcoming metro area with friendly, affordable neighborhoods, downtown glam, live music, and three professional sports teams: the Cavs, Browns, and Indians. Superb public transit, including a rail link to Cleveland Hopkins International Airport, makes the area easy to explore.

Our scholarship support was ranked in the Top 5 by Business Insider.

We rank 9th in the nation for practical training. (preLaw magazine)

Eight law clinics and 100+ externships provide every 3L student with a capstone.

CWRU Moot Court and Mock Trial teams are among the best in the nation.

92% of graduates employed or pursuing graduate degree within 10 months (Class of 2019).

for faculty scholarly impact (Heald and Sichelman Study)