With his chemistry PhD background, Geng decided to pursue a career in patent law. He chose CWRU Law because of its solid Intellectual Property curriculum. His externships at AlphaMicron Inc., Parker-Hannifin Corporation, and Cleveland Clinic Innovations taught him practical patent law matters and prepared him for his post-graduate law firm job in Washington D.C. During law school, Geng served as the Co-President of the Student IP Law Association and was Editor-in-Chief of Journal of Law Technology and the Internet.

“Through numerous externships, I gained valuable first-hand experience on how decisions are made by in-house counsel. I believe these experiences will be useful in serving my future clients.”

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