

## The University of Akron School of Law: Faculty Position Opening, May 2019



The University of Akron  
**School of Law**



### **The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company Chair in Intellectual Property Law**

The University of Akron School of Law invites applications and nominations for the position of Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company Chair in Intellectual Property Law (“the Goodyear Chair”) with anticipated start date as early as August 2019. The Committee is open to candidates in any area of intellectual property law, but particular experience and expertise in the area of patent law is strongly preferred. Committee review of applicants will begin on June 1, 2019 and continue until the position is filled.

Akron Law’s Center for Intellectual Property Law & Technology (“IP Center”) is renowned for its extensive IP curriculum, an LL.M. in IP, a joint J.D./LL.M. degree program, non-J.D. and post-J.D. certificates, rich scholarly and practical programming, and strong relationships with the national and international IP community. The IP Center was recently recognized in the U.S. News & World Report 2020 rankings as among the best in the country—tied for 41st place overall, on par with many of the best-known IP schools in the nation and tied for the top-ranked IP program in Ohio. The National Jurist’s preLaw magazine awarded the IP Center a Top 40 “A” grade in its Spring 2019 issue.

The Goodyear Chair was established in 1997, thanks to a generous gift from The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, in order to provide ongoing financial support for a nationally renowned professor of intellectual property law within the School of Law, and to enhance and maintain the reputation of one of the strongest intellectual property law programs in the United States. The Goodyear Chair will serve an important role in advancing critical thinking in the intellectual property law field, within academia, the legal community, business, and industry. As a member of the School of Law faculty, the Goodyear Chair will engage in intellectual property scholarship, teach in the area of intellectual property law, and serve on administrative committees.

The University of Akron School of Law is a public, mid-size law school of approximately 450 students located in the Akron/Cleveland metropolitan area. With a newly renovated building and strong enrollments, Akron Law provides an energized community and faculty environment. The School of Law has a tradition of outstanding teaching and offers students affordable tuition, a commitment to student success, and strong job placement. With almost 30 IP classes, and a significant portion of law students who are Patent Bar eligible, the IP focus of Akron Law is well established and ideally positioned for further growth. For more information on the Akron Law Center for Intellectual Property Law & Technology, see: [www.uakron.edu/ip](http://www.uakron.edu/ip)

The University of Akron is a public research university of approximately 25,000 students, with national reputations in polymer science, engineering, business, law, and other fields. Akron, Ohio has a metropolitan area population of 700,000 and is known for its low cost of living and

recreational opportunities ranging from hiking the wild beauty of the Cuyahoga Valley National Park to hearing the world-famous Cleveland Orchestra in its summer home. A 2019 report rated Akron and its surrounding community as a top 50 place for innovation within the United States, the only metropolitan area in Ohio to make the list.

Akron Law is committed to achieving a diverse faculty by including individuals from varied backgrounds and characteristics, including age, gender, religion, ethnicity, disability, national origin, sexual orientation and socioeconomic background. We are also committed to offering competitive salary and benefits packages to qualified candidates that are commensurate with similar prestigious academic chair positions at national law schools.

Required qualifications: Juris doctor or equivalent law degree; expertise and a national reputation in intellectual property law; tenured status at another law school or suitability for tenure.

Preferred qualifications: Expertise in patent law (strongly preferred); a demonstrated record of successful scholarship and teaching and a commitment to continue producing both at a high level; a record of or potential for appropriate administrative IP leadership; entrepreneurial skills to advance the impact of the Intellectual Property Law Center; the ability to create and sustain a network of IP leaders; the ability to articulate and implement a long-term vision to achieve greater distinction for Akron Law's IP program.

For complete details and to apply for this position, visit: <https://www.uakron.edu/jobs>. Job ID# 11691

While all candidates are required to submit their applications via this centralized system, please feel free to direct inquiries to Professor Ryan Holte, Director of the Akron Law IP Center, at [rholt@uakron.edu](mailto:rholt@uakron.edu). For technical assistance with your application or attachments, please call UA Human Resources at 330-972-8431. Review of applications will begin June 1, 2019. Anticipated start date: as soon as August 2019.

**- For more information on the Akron Law IP Center see [www.uakron.edu/ip](http://www.uakron.edu/ip) and the following page of 2019 IP Center accolades. -**

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"You have one of the top IP programs in the nation....  
The program you have here is amazing."

- USPTO Director Andrei Iancu, speaking at the 21st Annual Akron Law IP Symposium, March 4, 2019



Among the  
**TOP 50 IP  
PROGRAMS**  
in the country



Tied for the  
**TOP-RANKED IP  
PROGRAM IN OHIO**  
(U.S. News & World Report)



**"A" RATING  
IN IP LAW**

From preLaw magazine,  
placing Akron Law  
among the top 40  
programs in the county

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L.L.M., Joint J.D.-L.L.M.,  
IP Certificate for J.D. students,  
IP Certificates for non-J.D. students

**\$25,000**

The only top 50 IP program  
with tuition less than \$25,000  
a year for both in-state and  
out-of-state students

**100%**

The job placement rate of our  
IP Certificate and J.D./LL.M.  
graduates is consistently  
at or near 100%

**\$100,500**

The average starting salary  
of our Patent Bar Eligible  
graduates, 2016-18

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IP-related clinics:  
Trademark Clinic and Small  
Entrepreneur and Economic  
Development (SEED) Clinic

**5**

Full-time  
IP Law  
faculty

**30**

IP-related  
courses

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