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Intellectual Property and USF Tech Transfer

Abstract

There are many different forms of intellectual property today, including patents, copyrights, trademarks, and trade secrets. In many cases, several IP rights can be applied to defend a particular product, termed as interplay. Along these lines, this talk will introduce these various forms of IP and also review the America Invents Act (AIA). The key steps in the technology transfer process will then be discussed, including related policies and procedures at USF.

Biography



Will Munnerlyn, J.D., joined USF Patents and Licensing in September 2012. Currently, he is responsible for managing the commercialization of a diverse portfolio of engineering technologies. Prior to joining USF, Will worked for a law firm where his responsibilities included patent preparation and prosecution, non-infringement and validity analyses, appeals, accelerated examination, and foreign prosecution. To date he has successfully prosecuted hundreds of patent applications for Fortune 500 clients and drafted a significant number of patent applications relating to software systems, social networking, cloud computing, e-commerce, interactive media, on-line gaming, databases, wireless communications, mobile devices, semi-conductors, integrated circuits, MEMS, automotive technologies, and industrial automation. Earlier in his career, Will also worked in research and development for Clopay Plastic Products, designing and implementing industrial control systems. Will earned his J.D. degree with a certificate of concentration in Intellectual Property Law from the University of Toledo and his Bachelors degree in Electrical Engineering (B.S.E.E.) from the University of Cincinnati.