

**Patent Law**  
Fall 2007, Prof. Michael Risch

First Week Assignments

**Prerequisites**

There are no prerequisites for this class. You do not need a science degree, nor do you need to be interest in taking the Patent Bar to enjoy or learn in this class. You do, however, have to be willing to learn about new areas of technology (simplified).

**Class Days and Office Hours**

Class will meet Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00-11:15. We will not meet on 9/3 and 9/26.

You may contact me at [michael.risch@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:michael.risch@mail.wvu.edu). Before the first class, please send me an email containing:

1. Your name
2. Your class year
3. Your undergraduate degree and institution
4. Your hometown
5. Other IP classes you have taken

**Books and Materials**

Unless otherwise noted, all page numbers refer to Merges & Duffy, **4th** edition. I do not recommend that you buy a used 3rd edition; much has changed in patent law in the five years since the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition was published.

The course website will be:

<http://www.casesofinterest.com/tiki/tiki-index.php?page=Patent+Law+Fall+2007>

You may want to register for an account, as the account will be required for other areas of class.

We will be using PRS devices (“clickers”) during the course. Please see Keith Walton in the Library or Room 225 to obtain and register your clicker.

**Reading Assignments**

Unless otherwise noted, all section references are to the Patent Act, 35 U.S.C. §101 *et seq.*

8/20: *Introduction to Patents and Claims*, pp. 13-35, 49-55, 257-261; *Kewanee v. Bicron* (separate handout, available on TWEN page or from Karen Feather); Background pp. 1-13 (not required, but may be helpful)

8/22: *Utility*, pp. 207-218 note 1, 220 (note 1 only), 222-250, 252-253; §101; U.S. Const., Art. 1, Sec. 8, cl. 8; Required exercise: draft pencil claims as discussed on p. 35, bring to class, and be prepared to discuss