COURSE NAME: Intellectual Property Litigation (IP Litigation)

COURSE NUMBER: 8905

PROFESSOR: Stroder

ESSENTIAL PREREQUISITES: IP Survey; Civil Procedure

DESIRABLE PREREQUISITES: Advanced Torts

COURSE BOOKS:

REQUIRED: None

RECOMMENDED: None

METHOD OF GRADING & APPRAISAL OF STUDENT FOR GRADE: Two litigation drafting projects during the semester, worth 25% of final grade each, one take-home final worth 50% of final grade

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF COURSE: Students will learn basic principles and strategies of litigating intellectual property cases, from initial research and drafting to trial strategies. Students will “represent” a fictitious client during the semester, and graded projects will involve drafting documents typical of those presented in an IP litigation.

COURSE CONTENT: Advanced engagement with intellectual property concepts and practical skills in litigation of these cases. The course will address the three essential areas of intellectual property law concept (copyright, patent, and trademark) and explore how these differences translate into different procedural and substantive considerations in litigation. Simulations of various stages of litigation will focus on litigation strategy and drafting skills.

COURSE OUTCOMES: Students will have a better understanding of how IP principles play out in practice, and will be able to apply realistic strategies to intellectual property cases.
RELEVANCY OF COURSE FOR CAREER PURPOSES: Students will gain a better understanding of the realities of intellectual property litigation, strengthen their knowledge of IP principles, and develop common-sense strategies for negotiating and drafting litigation documents.

RELEVANCY OF COURSE FOR MO/MULTI-STATE BAR EXAMINATION: Coursework will strengthen knowledge of Federal Civil Procedure.