



Fundamentals of Intellectual Property: A Workshop for Inventors

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As an engineer or scientist you conceive of new product ideas, discover new treatments for disease, or write original software. Do you know how to protect these ideas so that they can be effectively disseminated? Do you know whether your idea is patentable, and what it takes to get a patent? Do you know what other forms of intellectual property are available to protect your innovations, such as copyrights for your software?

This workshop is designed for inventors and aspiring inventors. Gregory J. Carlin will provide an oversight of intellectual property law, including the different forms of intellectual property, with a deep dive into patent structure and the patenting process. He will share insights developed over a career spent in academia, industry, and his own boutique IP law firm. This interactive workshop will teach you how to read a patent, understand its legal meaning, and protect your own ideas.

A representative of Duke's Office of Licensing and Ventures will join the workshop to provide guidance on processes specific to Duke inventors.

Note that this workshop is not sponsored or endorsed by the USPTO or any other government agency.

Gregory J. Carlin received the B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Pittsburgh. His M.S., also at Pitt, was directed at soft-tissue biomechanics. He is an author on over a dozen original research, peer reviewed publications in the biomechanics field. He received a J.D. from the George Washington University Law School. He has worked as an Associate at Alston & Bird before joining Edwards Life Sciences as in-house Counsel. In 2010 he co-founded Meunier Carlin & Curfman to provide deep and personal support to inventors and founders. As a founder, he understands the challenges of building a business and the thrill of making your vision a reality.