ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING SEMINAR

“Electrical Engineering and Intellectual Property Law”

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If you are an engineering student and you want to go to law school, there is only one circumstance in which you should: if you plan to practice patent law when you graduate. This discussion will focus on: the current landscape of legal work; skills an engineering student needs before attending law school; the transition from studying engineering/CS to studying law; how a law school classroom is unlike any other classroom you have ever been in before; and what it is like to practice patent law, at a firm and at a company.

Shaun holds a B.S. degree in Electrical Engineering (with a Math Minor) from Union College and a JD, Law degree from the Boston University School of Law. He has been a practicing patent attorney for over 10 years, with prior non-attorney patent experience going back longer. He currently works as in-house intellectual property (IP) counsel at OSRAM SYLVANIA, the number 2 lighting manufacturer in North America and US subsidiary of OSRAM GmbH, a subsidiary of Siemens. He advises his internal clients in all aspects and areas of IP law. His expertise is in the areas of lighting R&D that involve electronics, hardware, and software, which is most everything these days. He serves as the liaison between the OSRAM intellectual property (IP) group and the general legal group, bridging the gap between those two distinct areas by connecting IP advice, legal advice, and business advice.

Friday, April 05, 12:55 p.m. N100
Lunch will be served at 12:30