We are pleased to announce that Professor Suzanne Scotchmer and Stephen Maurer have joined Berkeley Law. Maurer and Scotchmer will be working with BCLT to establish a law and social science research program focused on innovation, science and technology policy. Scotchmer will hold a half-time tenured appointment at Berkeley Law, and Maurer will have a research appointment at BCLT with the title of Lecturer in Residence. He will retain his position at the Goldman School for Public Policy.

Suzanne Scotchmer is Professor of Economics, Law and Public Policy at the University of California, Berkeley. Her current research focuses on the economics, policy and law of innovation, including intellectual property. She also maintains an interest in economic theory and game theory, on which she has also published widely. Her graduate degrees are in economics and statistics.

Stephen M. Maurer is Director of the Goldman School Project on Information Technology and Homeland Security (“ITHS”). He teaches and writes in the fields of homeland security, innovation policy, and the new economy. Maurer’s current research interests range from homeland security to designing better institutions for neglected disease research.

BCLT Executive Director Robert Barr’s far-reaching impact on Berkeley Law and the intellectual property field will be honored in perpetuity through a newly created scholarship in his name. Each year, the scholarship will be awarded to a student who has demonstrated financial need and a strong interest in technology law. The recipient will receive $10,000 per academic year and engage in specialized studies with Barr and other prominent IP scholars at the school.

The scholarship was initiated by Mallun Yen ’35 and his wife, Nancy Lemkin ’36. Yen worked with Barr at Weil, Gotshal & Manges and later joined him at Cisco, where Barr was its first vice president of intellectual property—and Yen was his first attorney hire. When Barr left Cisco in 2003 to run BCLT, Yen succeeded him as head of the company’s worldwide IP.

Yen enlisted the help of Bart Showalter, firm-wide chair of IP at Baker Botts, and G. Hopkins Guy III, a patent litigation partner at Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe. They had all worked closely with Barr, and together approached some of his current and former colleagues.

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Our First Annual Privacy Lecture featured an address by David Cole, Professor of Law at Georgetown University Law Center.

BCLT held a conference on the Law and Business of Online Advertising in Berkeley, co-hosted by the Santa Clara University School of Law.

A conference on Legal Outsourcing, co-sponsored with the Institute for Global Challenges and the Law, analyzed the risks and benefits of outsourcing patent drafting and legal work to other countries.

BCLT initiated the first gathering of Bay Area IP and high technology law faculty in the Bay Area to discuss current developments and research.

BCLT and the Federal Judicial Center continued their collaboration with the 11th Annual IP in the New Digital Age Program for District Court Judges.

Israeli lawyers from Tel Aviv University, who attended advanced legal courses at Boalt this summer, were guests at a BCLT dinner.

Nine BCLT faculty and fellows presented at the IP Scholars Conference held at Stanford Law School.

BCLT co-sponsored the “Federal Circuit Visits the Valley” program with the Federal Circuit Bar Association.

The Annual Advanced Patent Law Institute, co-sponsored by BCLT, Stanford Law School and the University of Texas was held in Santa Clara.

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Recent News From BCLT
Amy Kapczynski received her J.D. from Yale Law School (2003). She spent several years in the U.K. as a Marshall Scholar, receiving an M.A. in Literature from Queen Mary and Westfield College, University of London (1998), and an M.Phil in the Sociology and Politics of Modern Society from Cambridge University (1997).

Peter S. Menell

Professor Menell co-founded the Berkeley Center for Law & Technology in 1995. He has written extensively on intellectual property, property, and environmental law. He founded and supervises the Annual Review of Law and Technology, now entering its ninth year. Professor Menell has organized and lectured at more than two dozen intellectual property education programs for the Federal Judicial Center.

Robert P. Merges

Professor Merges is the author of the leading text on patent law and has written numerous articles on the economics of intellectual property, especially as they affect patent law and the biotechnology industries. Professor Merges has worked with government agencies such as the Department of Justice and the Federal Trade Commission on IP-related policy issues and litigation strategy. He has also consulted with leading law firms and companies.

Deirdre K. Mulligan

Deirdre K. Mulligan is an Assistant Professor at the UC Berkeley School of Information. Previously she was a Clinical Professor at Berkeley Law and Director of the Samuelson Law, Technology & Public Policy Clinic. She served previously as staff counsel at the Center for Democracy & Technology in Washington. Professor Mulligan’s current research agenda focuses on information privacy and security.
Professor Schwartz is a leading international expert on information privacy and information law. His scholarship focuses on how the law has sought to regulate and otherwise shape information technology—as well as the impact of information technology on law and democracy. Schwartz joined the faculty in 2006 after teaching at Brooklyn Law School, the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville, and visiting several law schools (including Boston College Law School).

Howard Shelanski ’92

Professor Shelanski’s research focuses on telecommunications law, regulation and antitrust. During the 1999-2000 academic year, he was on leave to serve as Chief Economist of the Federal Communications Commission. During the 1998-99 academic year, he served as a senior economist to the President’s Council of Economic Advisers.

Molly Van Houweling

Assistant Professor Van Houweling joined the Berkeley Law faculty in fall 2005 from the University of Michigan Law School, where she had been an assistant professor since 2002. She was a visiting professor at Berkeley Law in 2004-05. Before joining the Michigan faculty, Professor Van Houweling was president of Creative Commons, a nonprofit group that facilitates sharing of intellectual property. She clerked for Judge Michael Boudin of the Court of Appeals for the First Circuit and for Justice David Souter of the U.S. Supreme Court.
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- David Mowery (Haas Business School)
- David Nimmer (UCLA)
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