



The Durham Engineers Club Cordially Invites You  
to our Thursday, February 18, 2016 Meeting

***Intellectual Property Basics, with  
Recent Developments in U.S. Patent Law***

**featuring guest speaker**

***Christopher P. Perkins, Ph.D., J.D.***



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**[Meeting time is at 6:00 pm.](#)**

**When**

Thursday February 18, 2016 from  
6:00 PM to 8:30 PM EST

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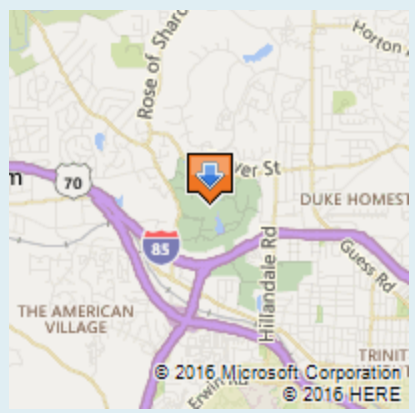
**Croasdaile Country Club**  
3800 Farm Gate Ave  
Durham, NC 27705

Dear Fellow Professional :

**Please consider this special invitation to attend our regular monthly meeting on Thursday, February 18, 2016 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM.**

Intellectual Property includes discoveries, inventions, and creations for which state and/or federal laws provide ownership rights. Particularly, trademarks, copyrights, and trade secrets can be legally protectable under federal and state laws, and patents are covered under federal law alone. General principles with respect to each of these forms of intellectual property rights will be discussed.

U.S. patent law in particular has recently undergone significant changes. The implementation of the America Invents Act (AIA) fundamentally changed the United States from a **"first to invent"** system to a **"first to file"** system with respect to priority



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of invention. Also, the U.S. Supreme Court has been actively involved with several patent cases recently, issuing decisions with significant impact on what constitutes patentable subject matter in the United States among other issues. These changes will also be discussed as part of an overall presentation on intellectual property law in the United States, and to a lesser extent in foreign countries.

Christopher P. Perkins, Ph.D. earned his B.A. in Biology at Swarthmore College and his M.A., M.Phil., and Ph.D. in Genetics and Development at Columbia University. He earned his J.D. degree from the Gould School of Law of the University of Southern California. Dr. Perkins worked as a Postdoctoral Fellow at Amgen, Inc. in the field of cancer molecular biology prior to attending law school. He is admitted to the State Bars of North Carolina and California, and is registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Dr. Perkins has experience in patent preparation and prosecution before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the area of biotechnology inventions, as well as in the preparation and prosecution of federal trademark applications. He has authored scientific publications in numerous scientific journals, and has also presented seminars on intellectual property law and biotechnology. He is a member of the American Intellectual Property Law Association, and the Carolina Patent Trademark and Copyright Law Association.

**Please click on the link below to register; the cost to attend is \$25 for members and \$35 for non-members. You can now pre-pay as you register with a credit card or PayPal account, mail a check, or pay at the door with cash or check. We cannot accept credit cards at the event.**

The price includes a buffet dinner at the Croasdale Country Club. The buffet features a salad bar, and a variety of hot dishes; the food is excellent. Social hour is from 6:00 to 6:30 pm and there is a cash bar. Dinner is from 6:30 to about 7:00 and the seminar will begin about 7:00, the presentation will be about an hour followed by Q&A.

*Happy New Year!*

*Dues are due - \$40*

One (1.0) PDH will be provided; a terrific bargain! Please join us for this great presentation by clicking on the "Register Now" link below, if you cannot attend please let us know as well, and feel free to forward this invitation to as many others as you would like using the button below.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

**March 17 -**

**COL Jay Stobbs**

**Electromagnetic Pulse:**

**Why it is a Threat**

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**Reliability**

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We look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

**Sincerely,**

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