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## Biography

Professor Jeffrey Lefstin graduated from Brown University, Sc.B., Biology, magna cum laude (1989); University of California, San Francisco, Ph.D., Biochemistry (1997); and Stanford Law School, J.D., Order of the Coif (2000). He teaches and writes about patent and intellectual property law. He joined the UC Hastings faculty in 2003 after serving as a law clerk to Judge Raymond C. Clevenger, III, at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit in Washington, DC. Prior to his clerkship, he practiced patent and antitrust law with the biotechnology and litigation groups at Townsend, Townsend & Crew in San Francisco. In his previous life he was a molecular biologist, studying mammalian gene regulatory mechanisms and DNA-protein interactions. His scientific papers appeared in Nature, Genes & Development, and the Journal of Molecular Biology. His current research focuses on the intellectual architecture of patent law and problems of interpretation in patent litigation. He has served as an expert witness on patent law matters, and lectured for Patent Bar Review courses.

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## Expertise

Legal Services, Education/Learning

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## Areas of Expertise

Patent Law, Patent Litigation, Biotechnology, Contract Law, Intellectual Property Law

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## Affiliations

State Bar of California : Member (Since 2000), United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit : Bar Member (Since 2000), United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit : Bar Member (Since 2003)

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## Event Appearances

**Legal Indeterminacy and the Path-Dependence of Claim Interpretation**  
9th Annual Property Symposium

**The Formal Structure of Patent Law and the Limits of Enablement**  
Intellectual Property Scholars Conference

**The Limits of Enablement**

MSU Intellectual Property & Telecommunications Workshop

**The Path-Dependence of Claim Construction, and its Implications for Predictability in Patent Litigation**

Intellectual Property Scholars Conference

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## **Education**

**Stanford Law School**

J.D. Law

**University of California, San Francisco**

Ph.D. Biochemistry

**Brown University**

Sc.B. Biology

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