

# ZACHARY T. PROCH

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## ADMISSIONS

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Ohio Bar, November 2023

United States Patent and Trademark Office, Sitting for Examination December 2023

## LEGAL EXPERIENCE

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**Associate/Law Clerk, Emerson, Thomson & Bennett** (Akron, OH) May 2021 – June 2023

- o Drafted patent infringement litigation documents including patent claim charts and patent infringement opinions, infringement contentions, validity and enforceability contentions, and motions to compel discovery and compliance with local patent rules. Prepared subpoenas for document requests and requests to inspect.
- o Drafted complaints to initiate lawsuits, drafted motions and memorandums in support and drafted answers to complaints.
- o Conducted patent availability searches and drafted opinions on patentability. Drafted US provisional and utility patent applications. Drafted responses to office actions for patent applications.
- o Conducted trademark availability searches and drafted opinions on registrability. Drafted trademark applications and responses to trademark office actions. Drafted discovery documents for TTAB proceedings such as interrogatories and requests for the production of documents and things.
- o Drafted trademark assignment agreements, consulting services agreements, unsolicited idea agreements, and settlement agreements and releases. Reviewed deposition transcripts and made designations as confidential or attorneys' eyes only.

**Volunteer, The University of Akron School of Law** (Akron, OH) August 2021 – December 2021

### *Trademark Clinic*

- o Conducted trademark availability searches and drafted correspondence reporting results to clinic clients. Worked with clinic clients to develop plans for protecting their trademarks and brands. Completed USPTO trademark applications on behalf of clinic clients and submitted to supervising attorney.

**Volunteer, The University of Akron School of Law** (Akron, OH) June 2021 – December 2021

### *Certificate of Qualification for Employment (CQE) Clinic*

- o Met with clients who had criminal convictions and assisted them in applying for a Certificate of Qualification for Employment. In many cases, the law had previously prohibited these ex-offenders from holding certain types of employment or professional licenses. The CQE allows the prospective employer or the licensing authority, in its discretion, to employ or license the ex-offender who holds the Certificate.

**Research Assistant, The University of Akron School of Law** (Akron, OH) Summer 2020

### *Center for Intellectual Property*

- o Researched trade secret laws in various countries and documented changes in the law. Researched health innovations happening across the world.

## TECHNICAL EXPERIENCE

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**Research Assistant, The University of Akron** (Akron, OH) January 2019 – May 2019

*Dr. Monty Research Group*

- o Prepared solution for synthesis of nylon-6 nanofiber polymer sensors; electrospun nylon-6 nanofiber mats; dip-coated electrospun nylon-6 with multiwalled carbon nanotubes; characterized nanofiber sensors.

**Hankook Tire America Technical Center** (Uniontown, OH) January 2017 – August 2018

*Engineering Co-Op – Materials Department; Tire Engineering Technology Department*

- o Scope of projects: compound mixing; data analysis; experimental testing; process improvement; programming; project management; specimen preparation; test methodology development.
- o Deliverables: Developed and programmed automatic test method for the characterization of crack growth in pure shear specimens; wrote reports on findings and experimental procedures; enhanced materials lab order system; improved materials inventory database; researched and tested alternatives to diphenylguanidine; updated experimental procedures.

## EDUCATION

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**The University of Akron School of Law** (Akron, OH) December 2022

Juris Doctor, *Certificate in Intellectual Property Law*

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Coursework:

Fundamentals of Intellectual Property, Trademark Law, International Intellectual Property, Patent Litigation, Patent Prosecution, Trademark Clinic, Patent Law and Policy, Licensing Intellectual Property, Copyright Law

Activities:

Intellectual Property and Technology Law Association – President (21-22); Communications Officer (20-21)

**The University of Akron, College of Engineering** (Akron, OH) May 2019

Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering, *Certificate in Polymer Engineering*

Coursework:

Blending & Compounding, Chemistry, Electrical Engineering, Fluid & Thermal Operations, Mass Transfer Operations, Material & Energy Balances, Material Science, Organic Chemistry, Physical Chemistry, Polymer Chemistry, Polymer Engineering, Process Analysis & Controls, Process Design, Process Economics, Reaction Engineering, Thermodynamics, Transport Phenomena

Activities:

The University of Akron Marching Band – Section, Music, and Squad Leader (15-17)

## MEMBERSHIPS

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- o Ohio State Bar Association
  - o Cleveland Intellectual Property Law Association
  - o American Chemical Society
  - o Order of the Engineer

## ACTIVITIES/INTERESTS

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- o Golfing, tinkering with Raspberry Pis, lifting weights