

CURRICULUM VITAE

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COLLEGE OF LAW TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Experiential Intellectual Property (IP and Entrepreneurship Clinic), Patent Law, Trademark Law, Information that patents and pending patent applications convey to consumers

EDUCATION

University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law, Juris Doctor, 2000

University of Arizona College of Science, Doctor of Philosophy, 1997

Dissertation Title: *Effects of Protein Phosphatase Inhibition and Phosphatase Gene Disruption on P53 Biochemistry and Function*

Faculty Advisor: Dr. G. Tim Bowden, Ph.D., Major: Molecular and Cellular Biology

Bard College, Bachelor of Arts, 1991, Major: Biology

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

University of Arizona, James E. Rogers College of Law

Associate Clinical Professor of Law, 2023-Present

Executive Director of the Intellectual Property and Entrepreneurship Clinic 2019-Present

Director of the Intellectual Property Law Program 2023-Present

Co-Director of the TechLaw Program 2024-Present

Professor of Practice, Law 2021-2023

OTHER COLLEGE OF LAW TEACHING (SINCE TIME IN RANK)

Patent Trial and Appeal Board Moot Court (2024-2025)

Patent Law (for JD students) (created course and taught online, Fall 2024)

Substantial Paper/Independent Study Supervision (2023, 2024, 2026)

Patent Law (for MLS and undergraduate science students) (creating course, will teach online Fall 2026)

OTHER LEGAL EMPLOYMENT

Quarles & Brady LLP (AM LAW 200 National Law Firm)

Managing Partner, Tucson, Arizona Office 2017-2019

Co-Managing Partner, Tucson, Arizona Office 2010-2016

Equity Partner 2008-2019

Associate 2003-2007

University of Arizona, College of Engineering

Adjunct instructor for Law for Scientists and Engineers 2009-2015

Durando Birdwell & Janke, P.L.C.

Associate Patent Attorney 2000-2003

Durando Law Office of Tucson

Patent Agent 2000

Patent Scientist 1998-1999

HONORS AND AWARDS

American Association of Law Schools 2023 Teacher of the Year Award

Martindale-Hubbell® Peer Rated DISTINGUISHED for High Professional Achievement 2021

Department of Structural and Industrial Engineering Appreciation Certificate 2015

Pro Bono Superstar Award, Quarles & Brady 2015

Star Mentor Award, Quarles & Brady 2014

Outstanding Pro Bono Attorney Award 2011, Volunteer Lawyers Program of Southern Arizona Legal Aid, Inc., one of twelve selected from over 1,200 volunteer attorneys

Named one of eight Inside Tucson Business "Up and Comers" 2008

Named by Tucson Business Edge to Tucson's "Forty Under 40" 2008

Sigma Xi Research Grant Recipient 1996

Kellner Scholar (four-year full tuition waiver) 1987-1991

Bard Research Fellowship at The McArdle Laboratory for Cancer Research of the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Medicine and Public Health 1990

SERVICE/OUTREACH (SINCE TIME IN RANK, 2023-PRESENT)

University of Arizona College of Law Committees: Executive Committee, Curriculum Committee

University of Arizona Committees: Arizona Forge Strategic Advisory Council 2021-2024

State and Local Outreach

Arizona Public Patent Program, current Program Administrator for *pro bono* screening and referral service sponsored in part by a United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) joint project agreement 2019-present

PUBLICATIONS

Gavin J. **Milczarek-Desai** and Derek E. Bambauer. *The Apathy Economy: Patents, Advertising, And Consumer Indifference*. 44 Cardozo Arts & Entertainment Law Journal 135 (2026).

Durando, A.D. and Gavin J. **Milczarek-Desai**. *Tax Consequences of Intellectual Property Transactions*. Tax Expert, Kleinrock Publishing, Rockville, Maryland, 2000.

Milczarek, G.J., Weixing Chen , Ashok Gupta, Jesse D. Martinez, and G.Tim Bowden. *Okadaic acid mediates p53 hyperphosphorylation and growth arrest in cells with wild type p53 but increases aberrant mitosis in cells with non-functional p53. Carcinogenesis 20(6), pp. 1043-1048, 1999.

Milczarek, Gavin J., Martinez, Jesse, and G. Tim Bowden. *p53 Phosphorylation: Biochemical and Functional Consequences. Life Sciences 60(1):1-11, 1997.

Lindell, Thomas J. and Gavin J. **Milczarek**. *Teaching Ethical, Legal and Social Issues In the Undergraduate Biology Classroom*. Journal of College Science Teaching, 26(5), 1997.

CONFERENCES/SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS (SINCE 2023-2024 ACADEMIC YEAR)

“The Apathy Economy: Patents, Advertising, and Consumer Indifference,” accepted for presentation at the Law & Society Association Annual Meeting in San Francisco, May 2026 (forthcoming).

“What Patents Signal to Consumers” at the Patent Conference (“PatCon”), University of San Diego School of Law—April 12-13, 2024

AWARDED GRANTS (Current)

Principal Investigator, Joint Project Agreement (funding Arizona Public Patent Program, a *pro bono* patent screening and referral service) with the United States Patent and Trademark Office, an agency of the U.S. Department of Commerce; \$25,000 funding from USPTO for 2025-2026.