

## EEE Research Seminar

**Date: February 23, 2021 at 10:30 A.M.**

**LOCATION: via Zoom**

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## Alternative Careers for Engineers – Intellectual Property Law

Graduating from college with an engineering degree opens the door to many career opportunities. While working for an engineering firm or going into academia are common options, a legal career is not one that readily comes to mind. In this seminar, intellectual property counsel, Michael Beckett, will discuss his legal career path in intellectual property law. He will provide an overview of what intellectual property law is and discuss his experiences working as an intellectual property lawyer at a large international law firm and as in-house counsel for a Fortune 100 company.

### Bio

Michael Beckett, Ph.D., received his B.S. in Civil Engineering and M.S. in Environmental Engineering from the University of Illinois – Urbana-Champaign and his Ph.D. in engineering from Purdue University. After attending a Purdue graduate school seminar on alternative careers for engineers, the field of intellectual property law piqued his interest, and he went on to pursue his J.D. from the Washington University in St. Louis School of Law. Upon graduating from law school, he worked as an associate attorney and partner at K&L Gates, one of the largest law firms in the United States. He currently works as a senior intellectual property counsel for Raytheon Technologies Corporation, the largest aerospace and defense company in the world.