



Board of Regents
University System of Ohio

John R. Kasich, Governor
John Carey, Chancellor

REQUEST AND RECOMMENDATION
Case Western Reserve University
Master of Arts in Patent Practice

Request:

The Case Western Reserve University School of Law requests approval for a new Master of Arts in Patent Practice degree.

Background:

Case Western Reserve University is a private research university located in Cleveland, Ohio. The University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. Case Western Reserve University proposes a new Master of Arts in Patent Practice degree. The proposed new degree will train students in patent law and U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) practice, as well as prepare them to draft patent applications and represent clients before the USPTO.

Curriculum and Enrollment:

The proposed curriculum is a thirty credit hour program designed to expose students to the doctrine, regulations, and policy of patent practice. The proposed curriculum provides a culminating capstone experiential opportunity. Core courses include: Intellectual Property Survey; Patent Law; Patent Drafting and Prosecution; IP Management and Commercialization; Patent Bar Review, Claim Drafting Lab; and an Experiential elective. Courses taken in the proposed M.A. degree program can be credited toward a J.D. at the Case Western Reserve University School of Law if the student is accepted into the J.D. program.

Anticipated enrollment is five to ten students per year, but this number may increase as the reputation of the program grows.

Faculty and Resources:

Qualified faculty, adequate facilities and resources are in place to offer the proposed new Master of Arts in Patent Practice degree. It is anticipated that an additional two to three adjunct faculty will be hired to teach in the program.

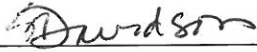
Recommendation:

The proposed new Master of Arts in Patent Practice degree meets the Chancellor's standards for graduate degrees, and the Regents' Advisory Committee on Graduate Study voted unanimously to recommend approval to the Chancellor.

End of Comment Period: March 17th, 2015 at 10:30am
No comments received, recommend approval

RECOMMENDATION

The Vice Chancellor has verified that this institution has met the standards and requirements of the Ohio Board of Regents.

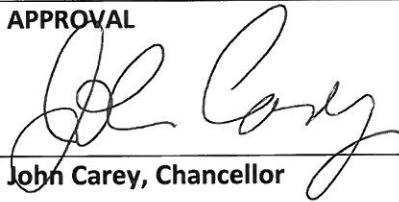


Stephanie Davidson, Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs

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Date

APPROVAL



John Carey, Chancellor

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Date

ADH