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WELCOME INTERNS

Brian J. Brewer – Brian is a current 3L at Michigan State University College of Law focusing on Intellectual Property with an undergraduate background in Chemistry where he conducted a various series of research. Brian has recently earned the Jurisprudence Achievement Award for Trademark and Unfair Competition Law. Brian is also an active participant in the Patent Law Moot Court Team.

Justin Evans – Justin is a current 2L at Michigan State University College of Law. Justin has earned the MSU Intellectual Property Scholarship and served as a Judicial Law Clerk to the Honorable Rosemarie E. Aquilina in Ingham County 30th Judicial Circuit Court. He has also published countless articles relating to cancer and microvascular research.

Melody Makhfi – Melody is a current JD/MBA candidate at the University of San Francisco graduating in May of 2019. She currently serves as an executive board member on T.E.S.L.A. (Technology, Entrepreneurship, and Startup Law Association) in addition to the USF Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild. Melody has also served in the Investor Justice Clinic assisting entrepreneurs with entity formation, drafting corporate documents and processing filings with the Secretary of State (CA + DE)

Stephen Foster – Steven is pursuing his B.S. in Materials Science and Engineering, focusing in Mechanical Engineering at UC Davis. He is

expected to graduate June of 2019. Most recently, Stephen has worked as a project engineer at *Engineers Without Borders* working on developmental work such as sanitation for Choqueqoa, Bolivia.

Shaika Ahmed – Shaika is a 3L at the University of San Francisco. With many academic achievements such as ranking within the top 10% of her class and receiving the CALI Award for the highest grade in Criminal Law for the Fall '16 term, Shaika is also a Technical Editor for the IP and Technology Law Journal. Prior to Fernandez & Associates, Shaika interned at several reputable organizations such as Patagonia and Goldman Sachs.

Yingchun Ni – Yingchun is a 3L at the University of Michigan Law School. Yingchun is active in many student-led organizations including: IP Students Association, Business Law Association, and Entrepreneurship & Law Association. Prior to beginning law school, Yingchun earned a Ph.D. in Neuroscience from UC Riverside. Yingchun also has hand-on startup experience as a co-founder of an internet-based retail company partnering with another company in China.

Xinming Zhang – Xinming is a 3L at the University of Michigan Law School. Xinming has earned a merit-based Dean's Scholarship and is an active member of the IP Students Association. Xinming also works on pro-bono matters as a student attorney at the Michigan



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Immigrant Rights Center. Prior to beginning law school, Xinming earned a Ph.D. in Cell Biology & Biophysics from Yale University.

Valli Shobahana Challa – Valli was a legal assistant at the Fluor Corporation in Houston, Texas. Valli received an LLM in Intellectual Property and Information Law from the University of Houston. Valli has specialized experience in patents and has completed seminars in Research Exemptions in U.S. Patent Law and Antitrust Laws in India. Prior to beginning law school, Valli earned a Bachelor of Technology in Chemical Engineering from JNTU in Hyderabad, India.

Payas Prasad Parab – Payas is a financial and market analyst with experience doing DCF valuation, sensitivity/risk analysis, and industry trend analysis. He also works part-time with professionals from Cambridge & Associates doing algorithmic trading, capital marketing, machine learning, and portfolio management. Payas has worked in the technological field and is proficient with Python, Java, and SQL. Payas earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration and Economics.

Brittany L. Litzinger – Brittany is a 2L at the Gould School of Law. She serves on the board of the Transactional Law Dinner Chair Entrepreneurship and Venture Capital Society and is a member of the Business Law Society. Brittany worked as a summer associate at Benedon & Serlin, LLP, where she researched and wrote memorandums on copyright law and intellectual property law. Brittany earned her Bachelor's Degree with Honors in Government and Economics.

Paul Cannon – Paul is a JD/MBA student at the University of Utah graduating in May 2020.

He earned his Bachelor's Degree in Accounting and Information Systems and currently serves as the President of the Business Law Society. Paul has worked in the business world where he created and implemented business models, organized business functions, and streamlined business processes. Paul has also worked at the Utah Court of Appeals and Clarior Law where he performed legal research and writing related to different areas of business law.