Guest Speaker: Cedric D’Hue, PhD, Patent Attorney

Do you have questions about the patent procurement process? Is your technology patentable? Do you want to know more about patent law as a career choice? Please, join us as we host a local patent attorney, Cedric D’Hue, for an informal coffee hour discussion. Cedric D’Hue got his start with biological and chemical patent law by getting his Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry. After graduating, he began work in a generic pharmaceutical company as a dissolution chemist, was promoted to an analytical chemist. Soon after, he decided to pursue a Master’s Degree in chemistry.

Though he was planning on pursuing a doctorate in chemistry, Cedric realized that becoming a patent lawyer would allow him to stay connected to the scientific world while also leading an exciting and active career out of the lab. From the very beginning of law school, Cedric had a strong focus on patent law. His background in chemistry helped him move forward through his classes with confidence, and soon he was solely absorbed in studying patent law. During law school, he wrote and published a note on conducting fraud at the USPTO by using the past term to describe experiments that were never conducted. After getting his degree, he spent four years at a large Indiana law firm learning the basics of patent preparation and prosecution. After several years of practice, Cedric decided to pursue the doctorate in chemistry, his research related to using ambient ionization mass spectrometry to differentiate cancerous and normal tissue in different organs.

Cedric recently successfully defended his PhD in analytical chemistry at Purdue University. His projects involved using multivariate statistical analysis of mass spectra to statistically differentiate non-cancerous and cancerous tissue of dog bladder invasive urothelial carcinoma and human oral squamous cell carcinoma.