This year’s lecture will be given by:

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**The Process of Patent Infringement Litigation**

This year’s lecture concerns patents and their basic purpose – to reward and encourage inventors. A patent owner is granted the right to exclude others from using the patented invention for a limited period of time.

The focus of the talk will be on the process of protecting that right through patent infringement litigation. While current headlines describe disputes over innovations such as smartphones and awards of hundreds of millions of dollars, litigation over patent rights has existed ever since the constitution created such rights. Inventors such as Alexander Graham Bell, the Wright brothers and Samuel Morse all found litigation necessary to protect their inventions from unauthorized use by others.

A typical patent litigation requires that technology and law be combined to describe the invention and tell the story behind it. The invention’s technical features and advances over the prior art must also be explained. Substantial challenges exist in presenting the often complicated technical information within the applicable legal framework and yet also be clear, brief and understandable to a lay judge or jury. Examples will be discussed involving a variety of technologies such as frozen pizza, implantable heart defibrillators and software systems for buying and selling commodities.

**Thursday, December 6, 2012**

**11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

**To be held at the Georgia Tech Ferst Center**

**Reception to follow**

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