

DEEPA VARADARAJAN
Georgia State University
J. Mack Robinson College of Business
Department of Risk Management and Insurance
35 Broad Street, Room 1138, Atlanta, GA 30303
Email: dvaradarajan@gsu.edu
Phone: (404) 413-7496

EDUCATION:

Yale Law School, J.D. 2003

Yale Law Journal

Yale Human Rights & Development Law Journal (Co-Executive Editor)

Olin Fellow, Center for Studies in Law, Economics, and Public Policy

University of Texas at Austin, B.A., *summa cum laude*, 2000

Dual major in the Plan II Honors Interdisciplinary Program and Economics

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS:

Outstanding New American Business Law Journal (ABLJ) Reviewer Award, Academy of Legal Studies in Business Annual Meeting, 2017

Dean's Teaching Award, St. John's Law School, 2014

Article Selected for Harvard/Stanford/Yale Junior Faculty Forum, 2013

Dean's Award for Outstanding Scholarship, St. John's Law School, 2013

Best New Law Professor, Student Bar Association Award, St. John's Law School, 2012

WORK EXPERIENCE:

Georgia State University, J. Mack Robinson College of Business, Atlanta, Georgia
Department of Risk Management and Insurance

Assistant Professor of Legal Studies, 2015 – present

Secondary Appointment, Georgia State University College of Law

Courses Taught: Risk Regulation; Legal Environment of Business; Intellectual Property

St. John's University School of Law, Queens, New York

Assistant Professor of Law, 2011 – 2015

Courses Taught: Introduction to Intellectual Property, Patent Law, Property Law

Georgia State University College of Law, Atlanta, Georgia

Visiting Assistant Professor of Law, 2014 - 2015

Courses Taught: Intellectual Property, Property Law, International Intellectual Property

Stanford Law School, Stanford, California
Thomas C. Grey Law Fellow and Lecturer, 2009 - 2011
Courses Taught: Federal Pre-trial Litigation, Legal Research and Writing

Covington & Burling LLP, San Francisco, California
Associate, 2007-2009

Hon. Mary Margaret McKeown, Ninth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals, San Diego, California
Law Clerk, 2005 - 2006

Hon. Charles P. Sifton, United States District Court, Eastern District of New York, Brooklyn, New York,
Law Clerk, 2004 - 2005

Sullivan & Cromwell LLP, New York, New York
Associate, 2003-2004

PUBLICATIONS: REFEREED SCHOLARLY JOURNALS

Deepa Varadarajan, *Forfeiting IP*, 59 AMERICAN BUSINESS LAW JOURNAL __ (conditional acceptance—minor revisions; forthcoming 2022)

Deepa Varadarajan, *Trade Secrecy Injunctions, Disclosure Risks, and eBay's Influence*, 56 AMERICAN BUSINESS LAW JOURNAL 879 (2019)

- Reviewed in Written Description, February 22, 2020, <https://writtendescription.blogspot.com/2020/02/deepa-varadarajan-on-trade-secret.html>

PUBLICATIONS: LAW REVIEWS

Deepa Varadarajan, *Business Secrecy Expansion and FOIA*, 68 U.C.L.A. LAW REVIEW __ (forthcoming 2021)

- Reviewed in JOTWELL (“The Journal of Things We Like (Lots)”), October 6, 2020, <https://adlaw.jotwell.com/how-commercial-secrets-become-government/>

Joseph Fishman & Deepa Varadarajan (equal co-authors; journal convention is alphabetical authorship), *Similar Secrets*, 167 UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA LAW REVIEW 1051 (2019)

- Reprinted in the 2020 edition of the Intellectual Property Law Review, an anthology published annually by Thomson Reuters (West) after having been selected as “one of the best law review articles related to intellectual property law published within the last year.”

- Selected for presentation at the plenary session of the 18th Annual Intellectual Property Law Scholars Conference, UC Berkeley School of Law
- Selected for presentation at the 2018 Junior Scholars in Intellectual Property Workshop (blind-review selection process)
- Reviewed in JOTWELL (“The Journal of Things We Like (Lots)”), February 5, 2019, <https://ip.jotwell.com/what-copyright-might-teach-trade-secrecy/>

Deepa Varadarajan, *The Uses of IP Misuse*, 68 EMORY LAW JOURNAL 739 (2019)

- Selected for presentation at the 2018 Huber Hurst Research in Legal Studies and Ethics Seminar

Deepa Varadarajan, *The Trade Secret–Contract Interface*, 103 IOWA LAW REVIEW 1543 (2018)

- Selected for presentation at the 2017 Junior Scholars in Intellectual Property Workshop (blind-review selection process)
- Reviewed in JOTWELL (“The Journal of Things We Like (Lots)”), December 19, 2018, <https://contracts.jotwell.com/on-contract-laws-increasing-distortionary-effect-on-substantive-trade-secret-law-and-how-to-stop-it/>
- Reviewed in Written Description, July 20, 2018, <https://writtendescription.blogspot.com/2018/07/the-trade-secret-contract-interface.html>

Deepa Varadarajan, *Trade Secret Precautions, Possession & Notice*, 68 HASTINGS LAW JOURNAL 357 (2017)

Deepa Varadarajan, *Of Fences and Definite Patent Boundaries*, 18 VANDERBILT JOURNAL OF ENTERTAINMENT & TECHNOLOGY LAW 563 (2016)

Deepa Varadarajan, *Trade Secret Fair Use*, 83 FORDHAM LAW REVIEW 1401 (2014)

Deepa Varadarajan, *Improvement Doctrines*, 21 GEORGE MASON LAW REVIEW 657 (2014)

- Selected for presentation at the 2013 Harvard/Stanford/Yale Junior Faculty Forum (blind-review selection process)
- Reviewed in JOTWELL (“The Journal of Things We Like (Lots)”), August 2, 2013, <http://ip.jotwell.com/unauthorized-improvement-across-property-law/>

Deepa Varadarajan, *A Trade Secret Approach to Protecting Traditional Knowledge*, 36 YALE JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW 371 (2011)

Deepa Varadarajan, Note, *Billboards and Big Utilities: Borrowing Land Use Concepts to Regulate ‘Nonconforming’ Sources Under the Clean Air Act*, 112 YALE LAW JOURNAL 2553 (2003)

Deepa Varadarajan, Note, *Tortious Interference and the Law of Contract: The Case for Specific Performance Revisited*, 111 YALE LAW JOURNAL 735 (2001)

WORKING PAPERS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS

Tian Chan, Anandhi Bharadwaj, and Deepa Varadarajan, *Business Method Innovations in US Manufacturing and Trade* (substantially revised manuscript to be resubmitted in May/June 2021)

Deepa Varadarajan, Tian Chan, and Anandhi Bharadwaj, *Valuing Business Method Patents* (draft in progress)

Deepa Varadarajan & Christopher Seaman, *Trade Secret Injunction Scope* (research in progress)

Deepa Varadarajan, *Trade Secrecy and Employee Privacy* (research in progress)

PAPERS PRESENTED AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS:

Business Secrecy Expansion and FOIA, RMI Faculty Research Workshop, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA, November 2020 (virtual format)

Business Secrecy Expansion and FOIA, Intellectual Property Scholars Conference (selected presenter), Stanford Law School, Palo Alto, CA, August 2020 (virtual format)

Business Secrecy Expansion and FOIA, Academy of Legal Studies in Business Annual Meeting, Providence, RI, August 2020 (virtual format)

IP Abandonment, Trade Secrets Workshop (invited presenter), University of Florida Law School, Gainesville, FL, July 2020 (virtual format)

Abandoning IP, Law & Society Association Conference, Denver, CO, May 2020 (virtual format)

Business Secrecy Expansion and FOIA, Trade Secrets Seminar (invited presenter), University of Akron School of Law, Akron, OH, April 2020 (virtual format)

Business Secrecy and FOIA, Trade Secrets and Information Policy Roundtable (invited presenter), Washington & Lee School of Law, Lexington, Virginia, January 2020

Similar Secrets, RMI Faculty Research Workshop, Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia, October 2019

Trade Secret Injunctions, Disclosure Risks, and eBay's Influence, Academy of Legal Studies in Business Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada, August 2019

Similar Secrets, IP and Information Law Colloquium (invited presenter), Cardozo Law School, New York, NY, April 2019

Trade Secret Injunction Scope, Roundtable on Empirical Methods in Intellectual Property (selected presenter), United States Patent & Trademark Office, Alexandria, VA, April 2019

Similar Secrets, Innovation Policy Colloquium (invited presenter), New York University School of Law, New York, NY, March 2019

Similar Secrets, Chicago IP Colloquium (invited presenter), Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Chicago, IL, March 2019

Trade Secret Injunctions, Disclosure Risks, and eBay's Influence, Works in Progress Intellectual Property Colloquium (selected presenter), University of Houston School of Law, Houston, TX, February 2019

Trade Secret Injunctions, Disclosure Risks, and eBay's Influence, Southeastern Academy of Legal Studies in Business Conference, Chattanooga, TN, October 2018

Similar Secrets (equal co-authorship with J. Fishman), Intellectual Property Scholars Conference (selected presenter for closing plenary), UC Berkeley School of Law, Berkeley, CA, August 2018

The Uses of IP Misuse, Workshop on the Patent-Tort Interface (invited presenter), Texas A&M University School of Law, Fort Worth, TX, June 2018

The Uses of IP Misuse, Law & Society Association Conference, Toronto, Canada, June 2018

Similar Secrets, Junior Scholars in Intellectual Property Workshop (selected presenter – blind review), Michigan State University College of Law, East Lansing, MI, May 2018

The Uses of IP Misuse, Huber Hurst Research in Legal Studies and Ethics Seminar, Warrington College of Business (selected presenter), University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, February 2018

The Uses of IP Misuse, Southeastern Academy of Legal Studies in Business Conference, Atlanta, GA, November 2017

Trade Secret Misuse, Intellectual Property Scholars Conference (selected presenter), Cardozo Law School, New York, NY, August 2017

The Trade Secret-Contract Interface, Academy of Legal Studies in Business Annual Meeting, Savannah, GA, August 2017

IP Abandonment, Grey Fellows Forum, Stanford Law School (invited presenter), Stanford, CA, May 2017

The Trade Secret-Contract Interface, Junior Scholars in Intellectual Property Workshop (selected presenter – blind review), Michigan State University College of Law, East Lansing, MI, May 2017

The Trade Secret-Contract Interface, Intellectual Property Colloquium (invited presenter), St. John's University School of Law, Queens, NY, April 2017

Trade Secret Precautions, Possession and Notice, Southeastern Academy of Legal Studies in Business Conference, Durham, NC, November 2016

Trade Secret Precautions, Possession and Notice, Intellectual Property Scholars Conference (selected presenter), Stanford Law School, Stanford, CA, August 2016

Secrecy Precautions in Trade Secret Law, Works in Progress Intellectual Property Colloquium (selected presenter), University of Washington School of Law, Seattle, WA, February 2016

Possession Problems in Patent Law, Texas A&M Intellectual Property Scholars Roundtable (selected presenter), Texas A&M University School of Law, Fort Worth, TX October 2015

Of Fences and Definite Patent Boundaries, Law & Society Association Conference, Seattle, WA, June 2015

Definite Patent Boundaries, Association for Law, Property & Society (selected presenter), University of Georgia School of Law, Athens, GA, May 2015

The Myth of Definite Boundaries in Patent Law, Conference of Asian Pacific American Law Faculty, Northeastern University School of Law, Boston, MA, March 2015

Trade Secret Fair Use, Association for Law, Property & Society (invited presenter), University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada, May 2014

Improvement Doctrines, Yale Law School, Harvard/Stanford/Yale Junior Faculty Forum (selected presenter – blind review), New Haven, CT, June 2013

Improvement Doctrines, Law & Society Association Conference, Boston, MA, May 2013

Improvement Doctrines, Georgia State University School of Law Faculty Workshop (invited presenter), Atlanta, GA, April 2013

Improvement Doctrines, Hofstra IP Colloquium (invited presenter), Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY, April 2013

Improvement Doctrines, CUNY School of Law Faculty Workshop (invited presenter), Long Island City, NY, March 2013

Improvement Doctrines in Property and Intellectual Property, Conference of Asian Pacific American Law Faculty, UC Hastings College of the Law, San Francisco, CA February 2013

A Taxonomy of Improvement Doctrines in Property and Intellectual Property, Intellectual Property Scholars Conference (selected presenter), Stanford Law School, Stanford, CA, August 2012.

A Taxonomy of Improvement Doctrines in Property and Intellectual Property, Works-in-Progress Intellectual Property Colloquium (selected presenter), University of Houston School of Law, Houston, TX, February 2012.

Trade Secret Law and the Doctrine of Prior Restraint: An Uncertain Intersection, Northeast People of Color and Conference of Asian Pacific American Law Faculty, Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY, November 2011.

A Disclosure Metric for Traditional Knowledge, Joint Conference of Asian Pacific American Law Faculty and Western Law Teachers of Color, University of Arizona, James E. Rogers College of Law, Tucson, AZ, March 2010.

SUPERVISION OF DOCTORAL DISSERTATIONS:

Zhitao Yin, Committee Member, Georgia State University, *Essays on the Impacts of Digital Technology on Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Productivity* (2017-2019)

SERVICE ACTIVITIES INTERNAL TO THE UNIVERSITY:

Member, RMI Department Hiring Committee (2019-20)

Member, RMI Chair Search Committee (2019)

Co-coordinator, RMI Department Research Seminar Series (2018-19)

Member, RMI Department Hiring Committee (2017-18)

Affiliated Faculty, GSU Legal Analytics Lab (2018-present)

Affiliated Faculty, IP Center, GSU Law School (2016-present)

Guest Lecturer on Patent Law, Institute for Biomedical Sciences, GSU Master of Interdisciplinary Studies (MIS) in Biomedical Enterprise (September 2020)

Guest Lecturer on Patent Law, Institute for Biomedical Sciences, GSU Master of Interdisciplinary Studies (MIS) in Biomedical Enterprise (October 2019)

Moderator, Judges Advocacy Panel, USPTO “Stadium Tour,” GSU Law School (April 2019)

Commentator for William Nicholson Price II, *The Problem with Novelty*, BioIP Workshop, GSU Law School (May 2018)

Commentator for Robert Kagan, *Adversarial Legalism*, Book Manuscript Workshop co-hosted by CEAR & GSU Law School (April 2018)

SERVICE ACTIVITIES IN ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

Ad hoc reviewer, AMERICAN BUSINESS LAW JOURNAL (2016 – present)

Member, Academy of Legal Studies in Business (2016 – present)

Member, Southeastern Academy of Legal Studies in Business (2016 – present)

Guest Lecturer on Trade Secret Law, Global Business Issues Course (EMBA 5603), University of Connecticut, Storrs, CN (April 2021, virtual format)

Guest Lecturer on Trade Secret Law, Intellectual Property Law Course (LEGL 4200), University of Georgia, Athens, GA (February 2021, virtual format)

Chair, *Challenging Ownership*, Law & Society Association Conference, Denver, CO (May 2020, virtual format)

Commentator, University of Houston’s Institute for Intellectual Property & Information Law National Conference, Santa Fe, NM (May 2019)

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

Member, Atlanta IP Inn of Court (2017-present)

Member, Atlanta Bar Association IP Board (2017-2019)

Admitted to Practice Law in New York (2004) and California (2007)