

Spring 2019 Colloquium

Department of Physics & Astronomy, TAMU-Commerce

Feb 14, Thursday, 4-5 PM in Science Building 127

(coffee and cookies will be served at 3:50 PM)

How did a physics major become a lawyer?

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Abstract

Physics is a science concerned with natural laws. Although not directly required, a background in physics has applications in a myriad of other fields. The legal field is not an exception to this. A physics background in the law is a sufficient element for the United States Patent and Trademark Office's registration to practice. A physics background is also highly beneficial in other legal genres such as regulatory law. Moving into the field of law from physics requires some preparation but can be very rewarding.