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Dean Melanie Leslie Appoints Saurabh Vishnubhakat to the Cardozo Faculty



Dean Melanie Leslie is pleased to announce the appointment of Saurabh Vishnubhakat as Professor of Law. He has been a Professor of Law and Professor of Engineering at Texas A&M University since 2015. He is also a Research Fellow at the Duke Law Center for Innovation Policy.

“We are very excited to add Professor Vishnubhakat’s teaching and research strength to our robust program in intellectual property,” said Dean Leslie. “I have no doubt his passion and innovation as a scholar and teacher will enhance Cardozo’s leadership role in IP and administrative law and provide tremendous benefits to our students.”

Professor Vishnubhakat’s expertise is in the areas of intellectual property, administrative law, and federal litigation, especially from an empirical perspective.

His legal writings have been cited in federal judicial opinions, agency regulations, and over two dozen Supreme Court briefs. His latest work is published or forthcoming in the *Indiana Law Journal*, the *Washington and Lee Law Review*, and the *Iowa Law Review* as well as the peer-reviewed *Journal of the Copyright Office Society of the USA* and *Journal of Law and the Biosciences*.

His research explores the interaction of the U.S. intellectual property system with federal courts and agencies, among other topics. With a background in the natural sciences, Professor Vishnubhakat brings a scientific mindset to legal thinking and is dedicated to teaching students how to build arguments with analytical rigor.

“I look forward to joining the Cardozo community and helping our students solve problems they have not seen before,” said Vishnubhakat. “Good lawyering takes patience, perspective, and keen insight. I am deeply honored for the chance to impart those values as a member of this incredible faculty.”

Prior to his appointment at Texas A&M, Professor Vishnubhakat served in the United States Patent and Trademark Office as principal legal advisor to that agency’s first two chief economists. He was also a faculty fellow at Duke Law School, where he co-taught patent law, and was a postdoctoral associate at the Duke Center for Public Genomics, where he researched law and policy issues surrounding innovation in genetics and biomedicine.

Professor Vishnubhakat holds both a J.D. and LL.M. in intellectual property from the University of New Hampshire Franklin Pierce School of Law, where he was an editor of the Law Review. He also holds a B.S. in chemistry from the Georgia Institute of Technology. He is admitted to the bars of Texas, Illinois, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, and the Supreme Court of the United States.