



**St. Louis Chapter**

**Missouri Society of Professional Engineers**



**Advancing Technology  
for Humanity**

## **January Joint Luncheon**

### ***Protecting Your Inventions and Ideas: Intellectual Property Fundamentals for an Engineer***

Engineers are fundamentally inventors every day. Many times, the sweat and financial toils of both the employer and employee should be protected in terms of a patent. Mr. Kirk Damman, J.D. a patent attorney at Lewis Rice will shed insight and helpful information for our members to use in protecting Intellectual Property both in the United States and Internationally. The general process of preparing for invention disclosure, identifying a skilled attorney for one's particular technology and interfacing with that attorney will be discussed. Questions will be answered as time permits. Earn 1 PDH for this program.

#### **About the Presenter:**

**Kirk A. Damman, J.D.:** practices in all areas of intellectual property law with an emphasis on helping startup and growing companies begin to manage, license, and gain value from their intellectual property (patents, trademarks, copyrights, and trade secrets) and obtain protection for their most important ideas and products. Licensed to practice in front of the United States Patent and Trademark Office for more than 10 years, Mr. Damman has co-authored two books on patent law and serves as the director of the United States Patent Practice (Patent Agency) degree program at Webster University. He works with clients whose products are as diverse as: circuit and electrical designs; medical devices; computer software and Internet; heavy equipment and manufacturing; alternative energy and fuel; and consumer goods. Mr. Damman is a 1999 graduate for Harvard Law School and member of IEEE. Kirk was selected for inclusion in Missouri & Kansas Rising Stars© 2010 and 2013.

**Where:** Engineering Club of St. Louis, 4359 Lindell, St. Louis 63018

**When:** January 17, 2019, 11:30am to 1:00pm. Lunch at Noon and program at 12:15.

**Cost:** \$20/person or \$5/students

#### **Registration**

Please register and pay online using the link below for reservations by 5:00pm, Friday, January 11th, 2019. If you've signed up and can't make it, please cancel by Friday before the meeting or we may have to charge you for the meal.

<https://www.mspe.org/event-3126221>

#### **Contacts**

Michael Buechter, PE, D.WRE, MSPE President  
314-768-2555 office  
[mtbuec@stlmsd.com](mailto:mtbuec@stlmsd.com)  
<https://mspe.org/>

Eric Hollmann, PE, Program Chair  
314-206-4232 office  
[Eric.Hollmann@wsp.com](mailto:Eric.Hollmann@wsp.com)