

Speaker Biography



John Duffy

John F. Duffy is the Oswald Symister Colclough Research Professor of Law at the George Washington University Law School. Professor Duffy received an A.B. in physics from Harvard College in 1985 and a J.D. from the University of Chicago in 1989. Prior to entering academics, Professor Duffy clerked for Stephen Williams on the United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit and for Justice Scalia on the United States Supreme Court, served as an Attorney-Advisor in the Department of Justice's Office of Legal Counsel, and practiced law with the Washington firm of Covington & Burling.

Professor Duffy has co-authored a casebook on patent law, *PATENT LAW AND POLICY* (4th ed. 2007) (with Robert Patrick Merges), has published numerous law review articles on a wide range of issues concerning regulatory law and intellectual property, and was recently awarded a major grant by the Kauffman Foundation to study intellectual property and entrepreneurship. Professor Duffy has testified on patent issues before the Federal Trade Commission and the Internal Revenue Service and has served as an expert witness for the government in patent-antitrust enforcement proceedings. In 2007, Professor Duffy was co-counsel for the prevailing petitioner in the Supreme Court case *KSR v. Teleflex*. In May of 2008, he was invited to present oral argument as an amicus curiae in the en banc Federal Circuit case *In re Bilski* concerning the scope of patentable subject matter. His article "Are Administrative Patent Judges Unconstitutional?" recently resulted in legislation to reform the appointment process for administrative patent judges and had previously been covered in the *New York Times*, which described the article as a "short paper [that] seems poised to undo thousands of patent decisions concerning claims worth billions of dollars."