

**Dr. John Brannon**

***Bingham McHale LLP***

**Patents, Copyrights and Trademarks**

University of Missouri-Rolla Ceramic Engineering Seminar Series Speaker  
January 22, 2004

McNutt Hall, Room 204  
3:30pm

Biography:

Dr. Brannon graduated from UMR with a BS in Physics and a BS in Ceramic Engineering in 1985. In 1986, he received a Bachelors Degree in Psychology. Dr. Brannon continued his education at UMR by receiving a Master Degree in Ceramic Engineering in 1986 and his PhD in 1989 and went to work for GE as a research scientist. Dr. Brannon received a JD from the Chicago-Kent College of Law in 1997 and currently works as a Patent Attorney with the law firm Bingham McHale in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Abstract:

Intellectual property generally comprises patents, trademarks and copyrights. What patents are, where patent protection comes from, what is and what is not within the scope of a patent's claims, and how to go about getting a patent for an invention will be discussed. Also, copyright and trademark protection will be discussed, including how and when copyright and trademark rights are accrued, what protection is inherent to a work, and the registration process and its advantages.

A meeting of the UMR Chapter of the American Ceramic Society and the Missouri Chapter of Keramos will follow the Seminar in McNutt 211.

Contact Information:

Ceramic Engineering Department: (573) 341-4401

Seminar Selection Committee: Natalie Vanderspiegel [nnvander@umr.edu](mailto:nnvander@umr.edu), Jim Zimmermann [jwztyf@umr.edu](mailto:jwztyf@umr.edu)