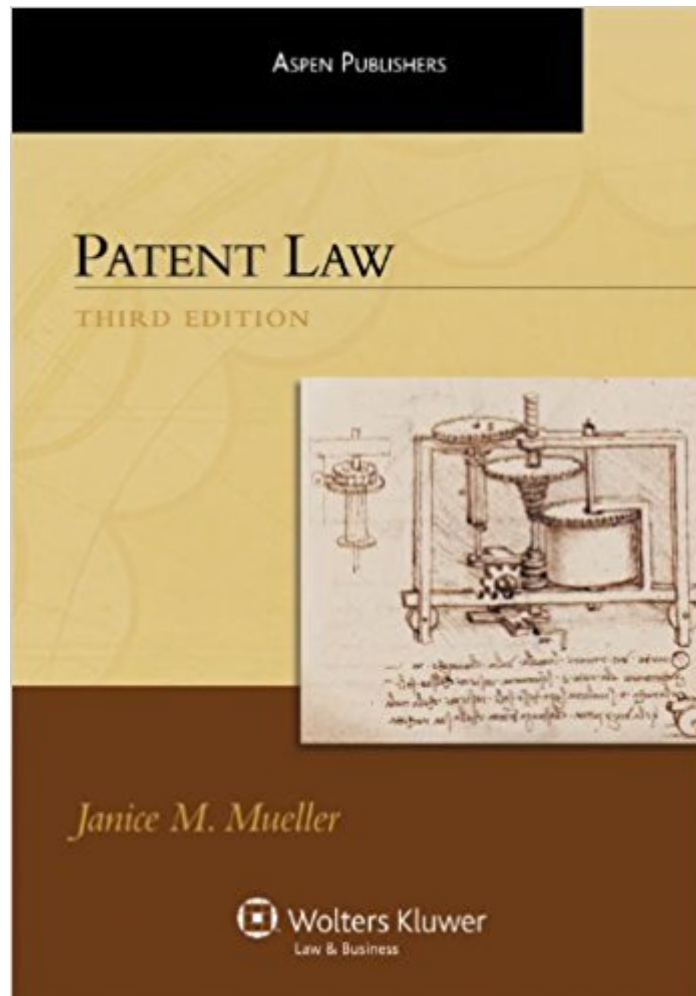




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Although intended for law school students, this title can be very useful for scientific professionals who frequently encounter patent-related issues in today's industrial R&D world. Particularly I find its great value for researchers in the fields of chemistry, biotechnology and pharmaceutical industry. The best feature of the book is that the author successfully breaks down the often abstract and difficult statutes, laws and prosecution into easily understandable texts. She is so good at using specific cases and examples to explain important points that a chemist/biochemist like me can read the book without much difficulty or inconvenience. It has a list of discussed cases where you can find familiar names such as: Amgen, Baker Hughes, Bristol-Myers Squibb, Genentech, Dow, Eli Lilly, Gen-Probe, Merck, Perkin-Elmer, Pharmacia, etc. As a textbook in law school, it covers some patent (law) history and its societal impacts which may not be interesting for some practical purposes. It is certainly not a patent examiner's handbook or MPEP, nor is it a preparation book for patent bar exam. If a chemist wants to quickly grasp some background without reading this

400-page book, I recommend the excellent materials provided by American Chemical Society to its members through its website.

As an engineering PhD who is now working for a law firm, I needed a thorough introduction to patent law to get me started down the path to passing the patent bar. This book was \*great\* at presenting the nuances of the law in a way that did not get me mired down by lawyer-ese. This book is written very plainly and clearly, and I have been able to sit and read it cover to cover. As expected, the topics are directly relevant to the patent prosecution and litigation cases that I have so far been exposed to (i.e., I have not yet been "lost" as a conversation discussing "101" or "102" issues goes on around me.) After reading this book, I feel ready (and confident) to tackle practicing/learning from the patent bar exam questions!\*\*UPDATE, May 2013\*\*Patent law has changed dramatically since my original review of this work. Please consider your purchase with this in mind. While the topics are likely still relevant in some way to patent litigation, if you are learning patent law with prosecution in mind, you likely will want to try and find an edition with updates relevant to current patent law (post-AIA).

This is a wonderful and well-written book. I would highly recommend it for any law student interested in patent law. It is also appropriate for those in the engineering or biotech fields that wish to learn more about the law as related to patents. However, this book is only marginally useful for those preparing to take the USPTO registration exam (i.e., the patent bar), passage of which is required to become a Patent Agent or Patent Attorney. For that exam, primarily stick with the MPEP itself, old patent bar exams, and the Longacre prep books.

Great foundational book! Just missing some of the later caselaw developments. Honestly, it would be impossible to keep up with the judicial developments but a supplement would be great for this purpose. Also, this book is not a casebook so it is more of a foundational place to start even though it likely wouldn't suffice for a law office it does a good job pointing out the seminal cases and concepts.

I'm liking this trend of substantive law books moving towards digital formats. I frequently used this book as a ref in law school. Now in practice, it's nice to have the digital version because I can control+F search the kindle version...get a certain topic, and click on the footnotes which are hyperlinked to other parts of the book. Extremely useful. As for the materials. It's more a

student/overview book. But it's great at what it does. Covers the recent AIA changes. Pros:-Great overview-Incorporates AIA-footnotes are hyperlinked.-Control F searchable-Highlightable-Bookmarkable Cons-None. buy it.

I used this throughout law school, and it's among the first things I give to our new summer associates when they join the firm without a strong understanding of patent law. It's a great resource for students. This book fills the gaps nicely between books catered to business professionals without a legal background and treatises like Chisum, which don't really teach the basics.

I am planing on taking the patent bar exam. I registered for the PLI prep course, and I have no experience whatsoever in patent law. Somebody in the reviews suggested reading this book before even taking any prep course. They are right. This book is well written and organized. And definitely a book to keep.

I have an engineering background, and approached reading a legal text book with trepidation, thinking that it would be tough going. However, Prof. Meuller writes with clarity and good organization, making this book a pleasure to read. This book is for someone who wants to understand patent law in its breadth and depth. If you want a short introduction to the patent system, I would recommend instead,Â Nolo's Patents for Beginners, or the US Department of Commerce's, "Patents and How to Get One: A Practical Handbook".

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