

Ben Clifner

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Mr. Clifner's practice focuses on intellectual property litigation and counseling.

In law school, he won Berkeley Law School's Thelen Marrin prize for the best student note published in a Berkeley Law journal for his note "*Hyter-ritorriality: The Proper Extraterritorial Scope of the Defend Trade Secrets Act.*" He also served on the executive board of the *Berkeley Technology Law Journal* for two years and worked as a writing tutor for the Law and Technology Writing Workshop.

Before law school, he earned his Bachelor of Science in Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering with a minor in Materials Science & Engineering from the University of California, Berkeley. While working towards his undergraduate degree at Berkeley, Mr. Clifner also worked in technology commercialization in the Intellectual Property Office at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory.

Prior Experience

- Summer Associate, Desmarais LLP, San Francisco, CA, 2025
- Summer Associate, Kirkland & Ellis LLP, San Francisco, CA, 2025
- Summer Associate, Desmarais LLP, San Francisco, CA, 2024

Other Distinctions

- Thelen Marrin Prize for Academic Writing

News & Publications

- "*Hyter-ritorriality: The Proper Extraterritorial Scope of the Defend Trade Secrets Act,*" *Berkeley Technology Law Journal* (December 31, 2025)

EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley,
School of Law, J.D., 2026; Law &
Technology Certificate

University of California, Berkeley,
College of Chemistry, B.S., Chemical &
Biomolecular Engineering; Minor in
Materials Science & Engineering, 2023;
with Honors

ADMISSIONS

California, Pending

Registered to practice before the
United States Patent & Trademark
Office