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THE FULBRIGHT SCHOLARS PROGRAM

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I was a Fulbright Scholar in 2004 in the Law Faculty at University College Cork, Ireland. The visit went extremely well and while I was there (in addition to my teaching duties) I was able to establish the eLaw Summer Institute at Cork with my colleagues from the law faculty at UCC. The program (ELSI) launched in the summer of 2005 and ran until 2012. The two Irish faculty members who were the UCC program directors recently published an analysis of that unique and technology-driven program.

As a direct result of my on-going Irish contacts that arose from being a Fulbright Scholar in Ireland, I have recently been appointed an Adjunct Professor in IP Law in the Law Faculty of the University of Limerick. (Adjunct Professors in Irish National Universities are honorary appointments, and I am currently the only non-Irish adjunct faculty member.)

I also have been invited to participate in an exciting project at the University of Limerick starting January 2016, establishing the academic underpinnings of a newly created Institute for Intellectual Property Valuation and Analytics.

As you can see, my Fulbright experience has resulted in years of productive relationships and activities that have helped our students and have informed my scholarship and research interests. I would strongly encourage any faculty member to consider the program.