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Standards for Patentability is the concern of every inventor when assessing whether an invention is eligible for a patent. People may have heard about usefulness, novelty and non-obviousness but are not sure how they work. How can inventors know whether the invention is non-obvious?

You are cordially invited to the Seminar: *Is Your Invention Inventive? –What Is Obvious Is Not Obvious: A Conversation with Your Patent Attorney* hosted by the Technology Transfer Center (TTC). Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP, one of the University appointed patent law firms, is currently handling the University’s patent applications in the area of biotechnology, medical devices, health and life science.

This is an opportunity to participate in a discussion about

- **Basic legal framework of the concept of obviousness in the patent law context**
- **Main considerations in assessing the obviousness question**
- **Practical strategies in securing patent rights for an invention**

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

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