As an undergraduate, Marcy Kreimier was a double major in science-business and theology at the University of Notre Dame. On her decision to continue her studies at Notre Dame, she said, "I was encouraged by a professor my freshman year to look into the patent law program. The program seemed more efficient, challenging, and directed than any of the other master’s programs I could consider with a Bachelor of Science. I knew I wanted to stay at Notre Dame if the right opportunity arose, and patent law was exactly that. My meetings and interview with Prof. Deak were straightforward, honest, and very exciting to me as a senior seeking what was next in my career."

Kreimier was quickly impressed by the strengths of the program. "The patent law program is the most practical learning I have done thus far in my academic career," she said. Our professors not only bring great insight as patent agents and patent attorneys, some even with their own firms, but also real-life stories. Listening to their stories of clients, examiners, and firms gave me a perspective into patent prosecution that I don't think could be offered any other way."

Discussing the coursework, she said, "Drafting a patent as our capstone project was by far the most challenging and most rewarding part of the year, especially having the chance to work with the inventors at Notre Dame. My capstone project also gave me an open door to being part of a business plan team and putting the technology that I was drafting a patent for into a real and tangible commercial value."

The Master of Science in Patent Law program is a one-year program that prepares scientists and engineers to pass the patent bar exam and practice as registered patent agents. The curriculum combines the fundamentals of patent law and practice, continuing studies within a student's scientific or engineering specialty, and practical, hands-on experience.