

Christopher F. Schaefer started his career at the University of Texas where he obtained a Mechanical Engineering degree with a minor in Business. In his Senior year, he was selected as one of 50 students from the University to attend LeaderShape Texas, a week-long retreat to teach leading with integrity and a healthy disregard for the impossible. C.F. Schaefer also helped start Advanced Laser Composites in 2003. The company utilized nascent laser sintering techniques to print 3d objects out of silicon-carbide. The team raised over \$3M through angel investors and won the Shirley Murphey Business Plan Competition of Texas.

After graduation, C. F. Schaefer went to work for FMC Technologies as a Subsea Installation Engineer where he worked on record breaking deep sea completion projects such as B.P. Thunder Horse and Shell Perdido. While at FMC, C. F. Schaefer worked offshore in the Gulf of Mexico and South China Sea. He installed the Gulf's first subsea separator for Shell and helped develop completion riser systems for B.P.

In 2008, C. F. Schaefer left FMC Technologies to attend the University of Georgia School of Law. At Georgia, he graduated *Cum Laude* and competed on the intrastate moot court team. He was vice president of the Intellectual Property Society, chair of the moot court team, and part of the exclusive SCOTUS discussion group. Always seeking mentorship, C. F. Schaefer befriended his neighbor and law school mentor, Professor Peter "Bo" Rutledge, now Dean Rutledge, of the Georgia Law School. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas also sang the *Schaefer Beer Song* to C. F. Schaefer upon their first introduction.

During his tenure at the University of Georgia, C. F. Schaefer interned with Judge Lynn N. Hughes. Judge Hughes made a large impact on C. F. Schaefer, instilling legal values of integrity, respect, studiousness. It is through Judge Hughes that C. F. Schaefer discovered how to channel his passion into the craft of law. To this day, C. F. Schaefer still seeks out Judge Hughes for guidance and instruction.

Upon graduation from law school, C. F. Schaefer returned to FMC Technologies to build their service contract department. While at FMC, he helped negotiate and manage world-wide \$100MM to \$300MM contracts. Shortly afterward, he helped create FTO Services, a joint venture between FMC Technologies and Edison Chouest Offshore. Through FTO Services, C. F. Schaefer worked with Brian Skeels, now an engineering fellow at FMC Technip. It is through that relationship that C. F. Schaefer met Charles Knobloch and through him, Karen Tripp. With their mentorship, C. F. Schaefer wrote his first *Amicus Brief* for the United States Supreme Court and his first appellate brief for the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, both relating to trademark law.

In addition to being a lawyer, C. F. Schaefer enjoys teaching and mentoring. He has tutored, taught, and mentored since he started at FMC Technologies and is currently a professor at Lone Star College – University Park. He teaches engineering technology courses and business law. Additionally, C. F. Schaefer helped build Lone Star's Innovation Room complete with virtual and augmented reality, 3d printers, micro-controllers, and video and audio creation booths.