I will discuss my experience searching for a job outside of academia after getting my Ph.D. in physics and how that job search led me to patent law and the profession of a patent attorney. Also, I will spend some time discussing the process of becoming a patent attorney and why patent law is such a fun and interesting career. Patent law is an option for those who have undergraduate or graduate degrees in hard science, engineering, and computer science who have the urge to try something outside of academia. The practice of patent law is at the interface of these fields and the legal profession. Patent attorneys get to interact with other attorneys from law firms and within organizations, with government agencies such as the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, and with inventors from a variety of fields.

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