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Intellectual Property Law
Chicago-Kent College of Law



Intellectual property laws promote progress through innovation, public disclosure, and the investment of capital. In this age of technological advances, a company's IP portfolio is its most valuable asset. Learn how to protect those critical assets through our broad-based curriculum culminating with a practically oriented capstone experience.

Requirements

Complete 20 credit hours of approved course work to earn the certificate in intellectual property law. For details, visit www.kentlaw.edu/depts/ipp.

Core Courses

Patent Law (3 credits) Examine the policy, economics and legal doctrine surrounding patent statutes and the enforcement of patent rights.

Copyright Law (3 credits) Study IP rights in original works of authorship under federal copyright law.

Trademarks and Unfair Competition Law (3 credits) Study trademark fundamentals, including public policies and economic considerations underlying trademark law.

Capstone Experience (3 credits) Consolidate what you've learned through problem-solving exercises in the Strategies in IP course, through an IP externship, or through the IP clinic.

Additional Courses and Seminars

International IP Law (3 credits) Examine issues of IP law raised by the international use of creative and commercial products, including international enforcement and dispute resolution and the interaction of trade policy and IP laws.

Legal Writing 4—IP Law (3 credits) Fulfill your advanced research and drafting requirement by preparing documents relevant to IP practice.

Patent Litigation (3 credits) Examine major issues of substantive law and strategy facing patent litigators.

Patent Office Practice (3 credits) Draft patent applications and effective responses to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office rejections.

Intensive IP Trial Advocacy (3 credits) Using hypothetical IP cases, learn trial preparation, strategy and courtroom conduct.

IP and Technology Licensing (2 credits) Focus on the management of intellectual property.

Practice Before the Federal Circuit (2 credits) Master practical aspects of appearing before the Federal Circuit as well as substantive patent law issues currently before the court.

Trade Secret Law (3 credits) Examine the development of trade secret law and its relationships with other IP regimes as well as the relationships between federal and state trade secret laws.

IP Litigation (3 credits) Explore the life cycle of an IP dispute, from initial client meetings and summary judgment strategies to mediations, trials and enforcement techniques.

Antitrust and IP (2 credits) Explore the relationship between IP rights and antitrust laws, and the constraints of antitrust law on owners of intellectual property.

International Patent Law (2 credits) Consider territorial limits, comparative analysis of patent systems, and such political issues as access to medicines.

Management of IP Portfolios (2 credits) Examine various issues relating to IP assets, including securitization, valuation, taxes and IP transfer, strategic licensing and litigation, due diligence, and bankruptcy.

Other Courses

A variety of IP seminars may fulfill the J.D. seminar requirement. Additional courses relevant to IP law include Agency Law, Administrative Law, Conflict of Laws, E-Commerce, Emerging Technologies, Entertainment Law, Genetics and the Law, and Sports, Law and Society.

Opportunities

Advance your education and career through the student-run Intellectual Property Law Society, participate in IP-oriented moot court competitions, or choose from a wide range

of externships. Recent opportunities have included the U.S. Copyright Office, the World Intellectual Property Organization, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

Enjoy regular contact with IP practitioners, businesses and policymakers through the Chicago Intellectual Property Alliance, of which Chicago-Kent is a founding member.

Through the Chicago IP Colloquium, discuss cutting-edge topics in IP law and cyberlaw with leading scholars and practitioners.

Career Paths

Graduates of our program work in dozens of law firms and corporate law departments in the Chicago area and throughout the country. Employers include large general practice firms such as Kirkland & Ellis, IP firms such as Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lionone, and high-tech corporations such as Motorola.

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