Required materials:

Current IP laws as set out in Goldstein et al., SELECTED STATUTES AND INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS ON TRADEMARK, COPYRIGHT, etc., 2016 or 2017 edition (West)

Materials will be available on my UH faculty web site: www.law.uh.edu/faculty/pjanicke. These materials include PowerPoint files; a set of cases for each component subject of IP (trade secrets; copyrights; trademarks; and patents); and several fact-pattern problems to solve.


Course Description: The course will cover the four main areas of intellectual property law: trade secret; copyright; trademark; and patent. Each segment will begin with a PowerPoint presentation introducing the main statutory and caselaw points of law for that segment. We will then follow with a set of cases for that segment. All the cases will be in a Word file available at no cost from my faculty website. The sequence of topics, and the approximate number of classes for each segment, are shown below.

Class Plan

Overview of the subject [1 class]; PowerPoint

Section 1: Trade Secrets [5 classes]

Trade secret PowerPoint
Trade secret cases (to be discussed during the PowerPoint, at the places indicated):

Lamb-Weston
Learning Curve
Mangren
A.C. Crouch
Chicago Lock
Smith
E.I. Dupont
Weed Eater
Schalk

Section 2: Copyrights [7 classes]

Copyright PowerPoint
Copyright cases (to be discussed during the PowerPoint, at the places indicated)

Mazer
Laureyssens
Paramount Pictures
Harper & Rowe
Fisher
Sega
Ty
MGM
Arthur Rutenberg

Section 3: Trademarks [5 classes]

Trademark PowerPoint
Trademark cases (to be discussed during the PowerPoint, at the places indicated)

Blue Bell  
XTreme Lashes (part 1)  
Streetwise Maps  
Quill  
Park 'N Fly  
Qualitex  
Sloppy Joe's  
Mister Donut  
Ambassador East  
Kellogg  
XTreme Lashes (part 2)

Section 4: Patents [8 classes]

Patent cases (to be discussed during the PowerPoint, at the places indicated)

Alice  
Assoc. for Molecular Pathology  
Hall  
Pfaff  
City of Elizabeth  
Graham  
Graver Tank (excerpt)  
Warner Jenkinson  
Eli Lilly  
Titanium Metals  
Liquid Dynamics
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