

Syllabus – Intellectual Property Survey Fall 2020
Course No: 6376 – Section No. 26466

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Class Meeting Room: TBD

Class Meeting Time: Tu,Th 1-2:30PM

Office: TU II - 201F – Office Hours: Tu,Th 3-5PM

Required Texts:

Paul M. Janicke, IP Survey Cases (2018) (available for free at:

<http://www.law.uh.edu/faculty/pjanicke/IP%20Survey%20Page%20edi.htm>; click the “Casebook” link on the left hand side, second from top)

Other readings will come from cases or articles that you should be able to easily find on lexis / westlaw or online.

Grading:

Your grade will be based primarily on an open-materials final examination to be administered during the Law Center scheduled examination period for this class. Open-materials means any non-electronic and non-interactive materials prepared by you and/or others, including traditional study guides available for purchase, and outlines from other students. Although your exam score will largely determine your grade, I reserve the discretion to adjust your grade up or down by a third of a letter grade to reflect course attendance, preparation, and performance. You are generally expected to attend, prepare for, and participate in class. It is your responsibility to ensure that you comply with the Law Center attendance policy.

Learning Outcomes:

Students will learn the basics of intellectual property law, including patents, copyright, trademark, and trade secrets. Given the nature of the class, none of these will be covered in great detail, but the student will learn the main purposes and features of each, their similarities and differences, etc.

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Readings (subject to change)

Class 1 – (Trade Secrets)

Janicke pp. 5-28 (Lamb-Wesson, Learning Curve)

Class 2 – (Trade Secrets) – Group A

Janicke pp. 30-51 (Mangren, Crouch, Chicago Lock)

Class 3 – (Trade Secrets) – Group B

Janicke pp. 51-71 (Smith, DuPont, Weed-Eater)

Class 4 – Aug 28 (Trade Secrets) - Group C

Janicke pp. 73-81 (Schalk)

Free Country Ltd. v. Drennen, 235 F. Supp. 3d 559 (2017)

The Defend Trade Secrets Act: One Year Later (April 27, 2017) (available at:

https://www.americanbar.org/groups/business_law/publications/blt/2017/04/02_newman/)