

SYLLABUS FOR ADVANCED TOPICS SEMINAR IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW

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This seminar will address problems in the four areas of law:

- A. Patent law. The body of Federal law governing patenting of inventions in the United States and other countries. The subjects of investigation include requirements for obtaining a patent, patent infringement litigation, and patent licensing.
- B. Trademark law. Appellate cases and statutes governing the protectability of marks: trademarks; service marks; collective membership marks; and certification marks. Infringement actions and the remedies available therein.
- C. Copyright law. The Federal statute and decided appellate cases thereunder over the thirty years since enactment of the current statute. Definitions of works of authorship will be investigated, as well as exemptions for fair use, compulsory music licensing, and other special situations.
- D. Trade secret law. State laws will be investigated, along with the Restatement of Unfair Competition and major decisions by state and Federal appellate courts in the area of misappropriation of technical or commercial confidential information.

This is a writing seminar in which each student must perform independent legal research and produce a scholarly paper on a chosen topic within the above four categories. Each student chooses her own topic, subject to the approval of the instructor. The paper is due in four separate, graded submissions.

A list of suggested writing topics will be provided by email.

There are no required books for this seminar.