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—Nancy B. Rapoport
DEAN AND PROFESSOR OF LAW
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In the crucible of today’s business world, some fledgling ideas just sit and simmer, while others take wing and produce healthy stock. To lay bare the issues governed by intellectual property and information law, consider the finger-licking case of KWIK-CHIK, INC.

Started with little more than a gas-fired kettle teetering on the tailgate of the founder’s pick-up, KWIK-CHIK is now the world’s largest broker of birds, leaving millions of customers from Bangor to Baja singing about the wings they fling. And if any foxes dare stray near KWIK-CHIK’s henhouse headquarters, the company does more than squawk. A flock of intellectual property and information law specialists henpecks any trespassing birdbrains and encourages them to find other ways to feather their nests.

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LAW SCHOOLS ARE BUILT AROUND THEIR LIBRARIES, and the O’Quinn Law Library gives UH Law Center students and faculty one of the region’s leading legal research facilities.

The law library houses the largest law collection in the metropolitan area. As a U.S. Government Depository, the library receives and makes available all federal government publications in selected subject areas. Special subject libraries for health law and higher education law, along with the Frankel Rare Books Library, round out the UH Law Center’s hard-copy collections.

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There’s no mystery behind the zest and zing of a KWIK-CHIK chicken. It’s all there in black and white—but the recipe is locked inside the company’s vault and is protected by fire wire, chicken wire, and a whole lot more. Are the bird blueprints safeguarded against all capon capers? Thanks to the trade secret protections found in intellectual property law, the core value of the company and its products, the guts and gizzards of the enterprise, remain secure. Anyone who attempts to pluck the potent papers is guaranteed to run afoul of the law.
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“IPIL is the law of creativity: in music, in movies, in software—and at the core of the global economy. How can individuals and corporations deal with the revolutionary technologies making reproduction and dissemination always better, faster, cheaper—to expand their markets, and to protect their IPIL products? That’s what we study in this Institute.”

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Professor Joyce is the lead author of the widely used casebook, COPYRIGHT LAW, which is adopted for classroom instruction in dozens of law schools across the country (6th ed. 2003). His articles on copyright doctrine and history have appeared in numerous journals, including the Michigan and UCLA law reviews, and are cited regularly by the federal appellate courts. He recently edited THE MAJESTY OF THE LAW for Justice Sandra Day O’Connor.

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“Intellectual property and information law are the most economically and socially significant areas of the law today. How will we conduct business in an environment where sellers and buyers increasingly communicate only through keystrokes? This is an extremely exciting time—not only to be a researcher and teacher, but also to be a student about to enter practice.”

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SUBJECTS: Computer Law, Information Law, Commercial Law, Commercial Paper, Creditors' Rights, Law and Science, Digital Transactions, Network Law


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DEGREE OFFERINGS

APPROXIMATELY 15 IPIL COURSES ARE OFFERED REGULARLY through the Institute at the UH Law Center. Most of these courses answer the degree requirements for both Doctor of Jurisprudence (J.D.) and Master of Laws (LL.M.) students.

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The LL.M. Program provides an academic environment for practicing lawyers who wish to expand their knowledge of intellectual property and information law. Only a limited number of candidates are accepted for full-time or part-time studies, and admissions are highly competitive. Applicants from the United States must hold the J.D. degree or equivalent from a law school accredited by the American Bar Association and must possess promising research or practice credentials. Lawyers who hold law degrees from foreign countries, meet the academic and English language standards and are interested in the LL.M. Program should contact the LL.M. Coordinator at llm@uh.edu.

TRADEMARK

Gold-medal taste and speedy deliveries are the hallmarks of Miss KWIK-CHIK, the high-flying heroine of champion chickens at franchises from coast to coast. Adorned in track suit and sneakers, Miss KWIK-CHIK is revered by fans of all ages, and every KWIK-CHIKLET Snappy Snack contains a “chicken scratch” game card that could win a personal appearance with the fleet-footed fast-food superstar. Can anyone filch Miss KWIK-CHIK’s feathers and copy her costume for their own use? Trademark protections are the white meat of intellectual property law, and anyone facing the severity of their sanctions would be wise to chicken out—lest they become birdmen of Alcatraz.
LL.M. candidates must complete 24 semester hours of approved courses with a cumulative grade-point average of at least 2.5, plus a 50-page thesis of publishable quality. Class scheduling and availability vary from year to year, with limited offerings in the summer. Full-time students with subject matter flexibility occasionally complete the program in as little as a full academic year (fall, spring and summer semesters). Both full-time and part-time degree candidates are allowed a maximum of three years for in-classroom work and completion of the thesis. Thesis supervision occurs during the fall and spring semesters only. For details, contact the LL.M. Coordinator at 713.743.2080 or llm@uh.edu.

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PATENT

Every KWIK-CHIK chicken is 99 and 44/100ths percent fat-free—thanks to a special air-drying technology developed by the company’s founder. Competitors who believe they have free range to copy the process will find their way blocked by profuse patent protections. Before trying to kidnap the KWIK-CHIK kernel, these petty pulleaters best keep abreast of patent laws which, brooded over by KWIK-CHIK’s crack Lean Team Legal Machine, protect the inventions that help hatch the company’s competitive advantage.
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ADVANCED CONTRACT DRAFTING deals with drafting various agreements (including IPIL-related agreements), ranging from sales through licenses, and other forms of contract. 3 credits.

ADVANCED CRIMINAL LAW TOPICS SEMINAR focuses on how federal criminal law deals with takings of intangible products, such as business information, trade secrets, and copyrighted material. The course reviews general theft and fraud statutes, tracing their application to intangible information products, and examines other statutes (criminal copyright provisions, the Economic Espionage Act, the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, etc.) enacted to apply specifically to these products. In addition to analyzing cases and statutes, students review recent scholarly work in this new field. 3 credits.

ADVANCED TOPICS IN COPYRIGHT LAW SEMINAR provides students the opportunity for in-depth exploration of topics of interest to them, including technological, international, and historical problems in the field of copyright law. 3 credits.

COMPUTER LAW is the study of law as it pertains to computers and information technology. The course examines the impact of commercial law concepts on technology and the law of contracts as applied to computer software and hardware. 3 credits.

DIGITAL TRANSACTIONS covers issues in software and online licensing, including the nature of remedies, warranties, and other obligations that arise from such transactions. 2 credits.

ENTERTAINMENT LAW blends concepts and skills derived from intellectual property, contracts and torts, with emphasis on recent Internet-based developments (e.g., MP3 and Napster) in the relevant entertainment industries. 2 credits.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ADVANCED TOPICS SEMINAR is a treatment of specialized subjects in intellectual property law, including currently unresolved issues in domain name disputes, dilution of trademarks, patent scope determinations, and licensing of copyrights in diverse media. 3 credits.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW SURVEY covers domestic intellectual property laws—patent, copyright, trademark, and trade secret—through statutes and cases. The course is intended to afford the student who intends to practice in other areas an acquaintance with issues and principles, and to provide the would-be IPIL specialist an introduction to the overall subject. 2 credits.
**INTERNATIONAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY** covers: international public law; private international intellectual property law, that is, the acquisition and enforcement of IP rights internationally; and comparative aspects of IP law among major trading countries or regions of the world. 2 credits.

**INTERSESSION COURSES** consider annually a variety of currently topical subjects such as database protection and privacy, as well as issues posed by pending and recently decided major cases before the federal and state courts. 1-2 credits.

**LICENSING AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER** examines the nature of “technology,” the means for establishing legal rights in technology, and the ways of employing and transferring such rights. 3 credits.

**NETWORK LAW** is a survey of legal issues arising from the rapid growth of Internet and other online communications. Coverage includes intellectual property, First Amendment, criminal, and privacy issues. A working knowledge of cyberspace is helpful, but not required. 3 credits.

**PATENT LAW** examines the substantive law of patenting as a means for protecting industrial ideas. The course focuses on conditions for a patent, loss of a right to a patent, patent specification, infringement, patent litigation, and licensing of patents. 3 credits.

**PATENT PROSECUTION** studies substantive law and procedures governing the patent application process, and emphasizes practical application of the rules to real-life situations. Students produce writing projects related to the preparation and prosecution of a hypothetical patent application in lieu of a final exam. 2 credits.

**PATENT REMEDIES AND DEFENSES** studies issues commonly arising in modern patent litigation. The course examines necessary parties, remedies, and affirmative defenses. 2 credits.

**TRADE SECRETS** surveys the practical aspects of trade secrets as they relate to prosecution by contract and operation of law, relationships of the parties, public law constraints, adversarial considerations, and licensing. 2 credits.

**TRADEMARK AND UNFAIR COMPETITION** examines the evolution and practice of trademark and related unfair competition law, with emphasis on litigation strategy. 3 credits.
CAREER SERVICES

THE CAREER SERVICES OFFICE has a two-fold mission: to help UH Law Center students prepare for careers in law, and to assist students and alumni in their job search efforts.

The Career Services Office’s First-Year Initiative exposes first-year students to a comprehensive career education series that surveys dozens of career opportunities:

- **Orientation to Career Services** is a presentation on resources, resume preparation, and summer job opportunities following the first year of law school.

- **Mock Interview Program** allows first-year students to learn crucial interviewing skills and get hands-on experience with friendly, helpful career professionals.

- **Excursions to the Legal Community** allow first-year students to visit and evaluate specific legal environments, including law firms, corporate legal departments, government agencies and courtroom settings.

- **A Day in the Life** Career Conference is designed to help students learn about a day in the life of a practicing attorney.

- **Alumni Counsel** presents opportunities for a meeting with a practicing attorney for gathering information on career development.

INFORMATION LAW

Pull up to any KWIK-CHIK drive-through, and a smiling Cackler will cluck greetings to you by name and ask if you want to place your usual order. Thanks to a database that uses license plates to record customer preferences, KWIK-CHIK adds an important measure of customer service to the dozens of herbs and spices that leave the company a leg, thigh, and wing up on the competition. Who owns the database? The U.S. Supreme Court has held that data generally cannot be copyrighted, but new information law doctrines are hatching which will help protect a company’s database investments. The legal tab for anyone plucked trying to descramble KWIK-CHIK’s golden egg promises to be anything but chicken feed.
Students who are studying intellectual property and information law have special needs, and the Career Services Office offers special programs designed to address them:

**CAREER SERVICES ONLINE JOB LISTING** provides up-to-date data on clerkship and career opportunities, which can be sorted by practice discipline, including intellectual property and information law.

**ANNUAL ON-CAMPUS INTERVIEW PROGRAM** provides interview options for students seeking summer clerkships and permanent positions to commence upon graduation. The program attracts nearly 150 prospective employers to the UH Law Center. Many of the firms seek students for intellectual property and information law positions.

**NETWORKING WORKSHOP, “A DAY IN THE LIFE” CAREER CONFERENCE, and ALUMNI COUNSEL** programs feature intellectual property and information law practitioners from the Houston bar.

Providing career services to students and alumni creates a lifelong partnership between the UH Law Center and the professionals we serve. For more information, visit the Career Services Office website at www.law.uh.edu/Career. 

**STUDENT INTERESTS**

**INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY STUDENT ORGANIZATION (IPSO)** is an association of J.D. students organized to help promote awareness of intellectual property issues at the UH Law Center, to provide networking opportunities to intellectual property practitioners in the community, and to assist the Institute in carrying out its various programs.

**CYBERLAWSOCIETY@UHLC** focuses on “Mastering the Law of the Digital Frontier.” It assists students and the Institute, with emphasis on information law matters such as online licensing, Internet branding, and other trademark and e-commerce issues.

**STUDY ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES** are available to Institute students. In 1998, J.D. students and students pursuing their LL.M. in intellectual property and information law traveled to Europe to exchange ideas with counterparts from the Max Planck Institute in Munich and to tour the World Intellectual Property Organization and the World Trade Organization in Geneva. The North American Consortium for Legal Education, a consortium of nine law schools in Canada, the United States and Mexico, offers student exchanges with member institutions.
TUITION AND FEE ESTIMATES FOR 2003/2004

The UH Law Center is a state-assisted institution. Tuition and fees are subject to change without notice. The following sample budgets reflect the costs, as estimated at the time of publication of this brochure, of attending the UH Law Center during the 2003/2004 academic year.

**Full-time Estimate Per Semester**

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* One-time expense