

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY PROGRAM

INSTITUTE FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY & INFORMATION LAW

At the legal epicenter of Houston's contributions to the technology of tomorrow stands the Institute for Intellectual Property & Information Law (IPIL) at the University of Houston Law Center. IPIL is recognized throughout the world for the strength of its faculty, scholarship, curriculum, and students. Its contributions to the study of law have earned both respect and an enduring reputation for excellence. Our Institute is consistently ranked in the nation's Top 10 according to U.S. News and World Report. Among the Top 10 programs, UHLC offers tremendous value with tuition levels dramatically more affordable than other ranked schools. Whether your interest lies in traditional areas of intellectual property law – patent, copyright, trademark, trade secret – or the rapidly evolving field of information law – Internet, software, electronic commerce, databases – IPIL at the University of Houston Law Center has what it takes to help you realize your goal of a successful career in this growing field.

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UPPER-LEVEL COURSES

- Advanced Topics in Copyright Seminar
- Advanced Topics in Software Protection
- Antitrust Law
- Art Law
- Biotechnology & the Law
- Communication Law
- Computational Law
- Consumer Law
- Contract Drafting
- Copyright Law
- Cultural Property
- Digital Transactions
- eDiscovery
- Entertainment Law
- Entrepreneurship
- Franchise & Distribution
- Genetics and the Law
- Intellectual Property Advanced Topics Seminar
- Intellectual Property Law Survey
- Intellectual Property Strategy and Management
- International Enforcement of Intellectual Property
- International Intellectual Property
- Internet Law
- Licensing and Technology Transfer
- Patent Law
- Patent Prosecution
- Patent Remedies and Defenses
- Privacy and Data Protection
- Procedure of Patent Litigation
- Property Crime in the Information Age
- Sports Law
- Trade Secrets
- Trademark and Unfair Competition

Not all classes are offered every year, and offerings are subject to change. law.uh.edu/ipil/degrees.asp



"I chose the University of Houston Law Center after visiting campus and speaking with Professor Greg Vetter, a faculty member working closely with the Intellectual Property & Information Law Institute. After discussing my options with him, I committed to UHLC with the understanding that Houston has a robust market for patent attorneys with my background (Chemical Engineering and Technical Communications). During my time at the Law Center, I have been lucky to be involved in the Intellectual Property Student Organization, the Houston Business and Tax Law Journal, Moot Court, and Mock Trial. I've also interned with ExxonMobil Chemical's legal department as well as Shumaker & Sieffert, a patent prosecution firm in Minnesota, where I will be working full-time after graduation."

-TIM BUSSE '16

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY STUDENT ORGANIZATION

The Intellectual Property Student Organization (IPSO) is an association of students working in conjunction with the Institute for Intellectual Property & Information Law, the greater UHLC community, and the Houston Bar Association to foster the professional development of its membership. IPSO members have opportunities to network with leading Houston attorneys, interact with IPSO alumni, and leverage a wealth of materials and venues designed specifically to help members find employment. law.uh.edu/organizations/ipso/

FACULTY

The Institute for Intellectual Property & Information Law is built around the talents of its teachers. Our full-time faculty has outstanding credentials and a remarkable body of published work that constitute the core of the program. To complement their perspectives, the Institute affiliates regular faculty in related areas and secures leading experts from legal and corporate environments to serve as adjunct faculty. Synthesizing textbook studies with real-world case studies give students a solid understanding of fundamental principles – and a first-person appreciation of how to apply them to a maximum effect.

ANNUAL STUDENT COMPETITIONS

Intellectual property students at the Law Center participate in many competitions, both locally and nationwide, including:

- Giles S. Rich Moot Court Competition
- Saul Lefkowitz Moot Court Competition
- AIPLEF Jan Jancin Award
- ABA/BNA Award for Excellence in the Study of Intellectual Property Law
- AIPLA Robert C. Watson Competition
- Federal Circuit Bar Association George Hutchinson Writing Competition

IPIL EVENTS

IPIL holds several events each year to keep faculty, students, and practitioners apprised of developments in the fields of intellectual property and information law. These include the Fall Lecture, Spring Lecture, IPIL National Conference (traditionally held in Santa Fe, New Mexico), and HIPLA/IPIL Fall Institute, as well as various special events focusing on the field. In addition, IPIL hosts practitioner lectures throughout the year. The Law Center benefits from its involvement with law practitioners in Houston, whose members comprise one of the most sophisticated intellectual property bars in the world. The Institute for IPIL and IPSO, the organization for students of intellectual property and information law, regularly engage these practitioners for lectures and presentations in a variety of non-class settings for enrichment of the discourse and instruction in intellectual property and information law. These efforts extend as well to leading practitioners located outside of Houston and Texas.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

The Career Development Office (CDO) is committed to helping students interested in intellectual property and information law pursue a career path. Students are encouraged to attend both the Southeastern Intellectual Property Job Fair (held in Atlanta, Georgia) and the Chicago Patent Law Interview Program (held in Chicago, Illinois), especially if interested in looking for employment outside of Houston. During the On-Campus Interview (OCI) program in the fall, IP employers are among those who come to campus in order to interview interested students. Many of the firms that participate are boutique firms in the Houston area, and specialize in fields such as patent prosecution and complex patent litigation, as well as everything in between. Bigger law firms with IP groups also participate in OCI.

In addition, the CDO sends out an IP résumé book every spring. Students can sign up to have résumés sent out to employers in Houston, the Eastern District of Texas, nationwide, or all three. Each year, the résumé book is successful in producing interview opportunities for our students. The CDO also works closely with UHLC's IP faculty to identify and post job opportunities for students interested in IP, and many of our students end up interning or clerking as a result of these job postings. Due to Houston's proximity to the Eastern District of Texas, which has the biggest docket of patent litigation in the country, UHLC students have been able to intern with judges handling busy patent dockets. Our graduates have also had success in acquiring judicial clerkships in the Eastern District after law school – which can then sometimes segue into clerkships with the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. law.uh.edu/career/