



INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, INFORMATION & COMMUNICATIONS LAW

Constant technological innovations have placed intellectual property (IP) law at the heart of the global information economy. Michigan State University College of Law's comprehensive IP curriculum prepares students for rewarding careers in a variety of employment settings and in all regions of the country.



THE CURRICULUM

The Intellectual Property, Information & Communications Law (IPIC) Program at Michigan State University College of Law is among the most comprehensive programs in the country focusing on patent law and related intellectual property law topics, as well as the emerging areas of computational technology, informatics, and communications law.

The Law College's expansive IPIC curriculum, distinguished faculty, and affiliation with a leading researching university have earned the program a top ranking among law schools, including in the Mitchell Report on IP Curricula "overall points" category. Law students can select from a growing menu of IP-focused electives. Students who choose to concentrate in IP law complete two of the program's basic-level courses in communications, copyright, patent, or trademark law, along with at least eight credits from an ever-expanding array of electives.

MSU Law offers the following as part of the Intellectual Property, Information & Communications Law Program:

- Advanced Copyright Law
- Advanced Patent Law
- Agriculture Law
- Antitrust Law
- Biotechnology and Pharmaceutical Patents
- Biotechnology Law Seminar
- Capstone Intellectual Property and Communications Law Seminar
- Communications Law and Policy
- Copyright Law
- Cyber Law
- Directed Study (as approved)
- Entertainment Law
- Externships (as approved)
- Great Lakes First Amendment Law Clinic I
- Great Lakes First Amendment Law Clinic II
- Intellectual Property and Cultural Protection: Regulating Creativity in an Interconnected World
- Intellectual Property Law
- Intellectual Property Practicum
- Intellectual Property Survey
- International Intellectual Property Law
- Legal Information Engineering & Technology
- Licensing Intellectual Property
- Media Law
- Patent Application Preparation
- Patent Law
- Patent Litigation
- Quantitative Analysis for Lawyers
- Research, Writing & Analysis: Intellectual Property Perspective
- Sports Law
- Topics in Intellectual Property & Communications Law: IPR and International Technology Transfer
- Topics in Comparative Constitutional Law: Free Expression
- Topics in IP: IP & Cultural Production
- Trademark Law and Unfair Competition Law
- 21st Century Law Practice—London Program

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

MSU Law students have abundant opportunities beyond the classroom to channel their professional passions while working side-by-side with fellow students, distinguished faculty, and notable experts in the field. The IPIC program holds annual symposia and lectures that bring prominent speakers and recognized experts to MSU Law to discuss today's most pressing intellectual property issues. Among more than 40 student organizations at the Law College are the Intellectual Property Law Society and the Sports and Entertainment Law Society. Students also may participate in courses, projects, and events sponsored by a diverse group of IPIC partner institutions.

THE IDEAL SETTING

There are few better places to study intellectual property than in the center of a world-renowned research university and just next

door to the state's capital city. The Law College's location also puts it within easy reach of countless legal employers. Federal, state, and municipal courts and governmental agencies, law firms of all sizes, and a host of business and public interest organizations are all within a 10-minute drive from campus.



NATIONAL CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The MSU Law Career Services Office (CSO) plays an integral role in our students' professional development. Working one-on-one and in group settings, CSO staff members identify the assortment of career options that are available and help students develop and execute strategies to obtain their first professional positions.

MSU Law graduates who focused their studies on intellectual property law have accepted employment at law firms and corporations across the U.S. and throughout the world. Those graduates who have focused on patent law and who have an engineering or science background have achieved particular success, with many earning an entry-level salary of between \$75,000 and \$150,000.

Following is a sample list of employers that have hired MSU Law IPIC program graduates:

Armstrong Teasdale
Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione
Brooks Kushman
Cardinal Intellectual Property
Cayman Chemical
Delta Medical Center
Dickinson Wright
Dinsmore & Shohl
Dykema Gossett
Greenblum & Bernstein
Harness, Dickey & Pierce
Howard & Howard
Kane & Co.
King & Wood (China)
Krieg DeVault
McDonnell Boehnen Hulbert & Berghoff
Miller Canfield
Moffat & Co., Macera & Jarzyna
Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe
Price, Heneveld, Cooper, DeWitt & Litton
Quinn Law Group
Sughrue Mion
Traverse Legal
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Warn Partners
Warner Norcross & Judd
Woodard, Emhardt, Moriarty, McNett & Henry

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