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Intellectual Property law is one

of the special strengths of

The University of Texas School of Law.

As the products of human ingenuity and creativity have become a major part of the world economy, the demand for lawyers with skills in intellectual property law has rapidly increased. The growing importance of intellectual creations has also brought enormous ferment in the field of intellectual property law. At The University of Texas School of Law, professors address, both in their scholarly work and in the classroom, the multi-faceted challenges that face this dynamic field. They also give students a solid understanding of the fundamentals of intellectual property law, an understanding that will prepare students to deal with the fast-paced technological and doctrinal changes that are likely in the coming decades.

The University of Texas School of Law is a national leader in the field of intellectual property law. In surveys of legal scholars, Texas has been ranked among the top 10-15 programs in intellectual property for the past four years. From patent and trademark practice, to entertainment and copyright law, to computer law and biotechnology, the Law School offers a breadth of courses that rivals any other program in the nation. Those courses are taught by recognized scholars in the field of intellectual property, both full-time professors at the Law School and leading intellectual property practitioners from throughout the state. The strength of our course offerings in intellectual property is complemented by the strong extracurricular programs we offer both for students and the public at large. The Law School also draws upon the high level of interest both at the University at large and in the Austin business, technology, and artistic communities.

Lefkowitz Trademark Moot Court competition, and the Nathan Burkan Memorial Copyright writing competition.

Special events also occur at the Law School periodically. In November 1999, the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, which deals with patent issues, heard argument at The University of Texas School of Law. In February 1998 The Law School hosted Computers, Freedom and Privacy '98, a major international conference that explored the impact of computer technology on our fundamental freedoms. Other events have included a visit with students by the Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Law Library

The Tarlton Law Library at The University of Texas School of Law is the 6th largest law library in the country. The Library collects comprehensively in all areas of intellectual property law, including materials with an international focus. The Library is a Federal Depository for Congressional and U.S. administrative material and this includes key government publications in the intellectual property field such as the *Official Gazette of the United States Patent & Trademark Office*. Complementing this outstanding print collection are extensive electronic information resources.

In addition, the Tarlton Law Library is only a short distance from the Richard M. McKinney Engineering Library. This library, one of only five U.S. patent depositories in Texas, has copies of most utility patents issued since 1790, plus electronic facsimile images of the full text and drawings of all U.S. utility patents. It also has copies of all U.S. plant and design patents.

Continuing Legal Education

The Law School has a large and active continuing legal education ("CLE") staff running conferences for the benefit of the practicing bar. Every November, the Law School sponsors an Advanced Patent Law Institute, a limited-enrollment gathering that allows patent lawyers to discuss issues of current importance. The Law School also sponsors a Computer Law Conference every spring in Austin. For the past four years, these conferences have drawn over 200 people to Austin each spring for two days to hear discussion on topics such as software licensing, Internet law, and electronic commerce. In addition, the Law School regularly presents a conference on Entertainment Law.

About the University

According to National Research Council data, The University of Texas at Austin is one of the nation's top fifteen research universities and is the leading research university in the South and Southwest. Its library holdings are among the ten largest in the United States. Some two dozen graduate programs at UT—everything from Classics to Physics—are regularly ranked among the ten or fifteen best in the country. With roughly fifty thousand students, UT Austin is also the largest campus in the nation.

About the Law School

The University of Texas School of Law, established in 1883, is the national leader in constitutional law, labor law, wills & estates, comparative law, and admiralty. Its faculty ranks in the top ten teaching faculties in the U.S. and faculty articles are cited more often by the courts than any other faculty in the U.S.

UT students graduate with the lowest average debt of all students within the top fifteen law schools. Students in 2000 enjoyed a 99.5% employment rate with 252 employers in 23 states and the support of a 19,000+ member alumni network living around the world in 52 countries.

About Austin

As both the capital of the nation's second largest state and home to the nation's largest research university, Austin combines the virtues of a college town with the cosmopolitan amenities of a major metropolis. One of the fastest-growing cities in America, Austin recently surpassed Seattle in population, with over a half million residents in the city, and more than a million in the metropolitan area. Famous as "the live music capital of the world," Austin offers plentiful cultural and culinary opportunities, and at reasonable prices. A mild climate makes it possible to enjoy Austin's miles of lakes and bike paths throughout the year.

Extracurricular Opportunities and Events

The student-run Intellectual Property Law Society brings speakers to the Law School and serves as a clearinghouse for information about career opportunities in intellectual property, as well as putting on a number of events throughout the school year. Students also have the opportunity to work on the *Texas Intellectual Property Law Journal*. The *Journal*, founded and run by students, is a cooperative effort with the intellectual property section of the State Bar of Texas. The Society and the *Journal* also organize an annual symposium on current issues in intellectual property law. In addition, students are also actively involved in national intellectual property competitions, such as the Giles S. Rich Patent Moot Court competition, the Saul

