
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

American University Washington College of Law offers an unparalleled opportunity to pursue the advanced study of intellectual property law.

The law school offers a full range of intellectual property and Internet law courses, one of the nation's first intellectual property legal clinics, numerous events and projects organized by its path-breaking Program on Information Justice and Intellectual Property (PIJIP), and a location in Washington, D.C.—the center of U.S. and international intellectual property law and policy making.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY CURRICULUM

The law school's diverse and innovative courses offer students the opportunity to develop a broad and deep expertise in intellectual property and information law subjects. Courses cover the full spectrum of topics, including patent, trademark, and copyright law, from both a domestic and an international perspective. Unlike most law schools, American University Washington College of Law offers students the opportunity to explore their interest in the field early by taking the popular first year elective course, Introduction to Intellectual Property. This allows students to study advanced intellectual property topics during their 2L and 3L years.

GLUSHKO-SAMUELSON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW CLINIC

The law school houses one of the first intellectual property law clinics in the nation, the Glushko-Samuelson Intellectual Property Law Clinic. Students in the year-long clinic represent a wide range of intellectual property clients who would not otherwise be able to afford high-quality representation, including creative artists, non-profit organizations, inventors and entrepreneurs, scholars, traditional communities,

and developing countries. Students provide clients with legal advice, negotiate on their behalf, and represent them in a variety of forums, including U.S. administrative agencies (i.e. the Copyright Office and the Patent and Trademark Office). Students also provide advocacy in federal district and appellate courts (including the U.S. Supreme Court) and before the U.S. Congress.

PROGRAM ON INFORMATION JUSTICE AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

In addition to providing relevant course offerings, PIJIP supports research, public events, advocacy, and related outreach initiatives that reflect a distinctive commitment to ensuring that domestic and international intellectual property and information laws respect human rights and reflect a balance of interests that promotes progress and social justice. Students participate in PIJIP activities in numerous ways, including serving as research assistants, event planners, and project coordinators. PIJIP also works with related student organizations, such as the Intellectual Property Law Society, the Media and Communications Law Society, and the Sports and Entertainment Law Society, and with student publications such as the *American University Law Review*, the *Journal of Gender, Social Policy & the Law*, and the *Intellectual Property Brief* on a range of events and activities.



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Career Opportunities

Alumni occupy high level positions in leading intellectual property law firms, non-governmental organizations, and government offices throughout the nation. Given the law school's location, alumni have a particularly strong presence in D.C., where some of the nation's largest and most prestigious IP institutions are based. Examples of alumni in intellectual property related professions include:

Public Sector and Non-Profit Organizations

- Administrative law judges, attorneys, and examiners at the U.S. Patent and Trademark and Copyright Offices

- Officials and lawyers in NASA, the Federal Trade Commission, the Department of Energy, the Federal Communications Commission, and other federal agencies
- Officers and counsel in U.S. and international public policy advocacy organizations and trade associations

Private Sector

- IP and communications law partners in the nation's largest law firms and in the leading IP specialty firms
- Executives and counsel in leading technology companies
- Founders and top executives of start-up technology companies

- Executives and counsel in the largest communications and media companies in the world
- IP counsel for Fortune 500 companies

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EXTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Studying law in Washington, D.C. provides students with unique opportunities to integrate practical experience with theory learned in the classroom. Externs have worked in a wide variety of intellectual property-focused organizations, including the U.S. Copyright Office, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, the Federal Communications Commission, legislative committees of Congress, and non-profit organizations.

CORE COURSES

- Advanced Copyright Law and Policy
- Antitrust, Innovation and Intellectual Property
- Biotechnology and the Law
- Communications Law
- Copyright
- Cyberlaw
- E-Commerce Law and Drafting
- Entertainment Law
- Intellectual Property and Access to Medicines
- Intellectual Property and Cyberspace
- Intellectual Property and Healthcare
- Intellectual Property and Human Rights
- Intellectual Property and Sustainable Development
- Intellectual Property and Trade
- Intellectual Property Management
- International Property Protection and Enforcement
- International and Comparative Copyright
- International and Comparative Patent Law
- International and Comparative Trademark Law
- International Technology Licensing Agreements
- International Telecommunications
- Introduction to Intellectual Property (1L elective)
- Law and the Visual Arts
- Law of Information Privacy
- Law of Professional Sports
- Media Law
- Patent Law
- Patent Prosecution
- Patents and Trademark Appeals
- Privacy and Health Information Technology
- Telecommunications Law and Regulation
- Trademark Law
- Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection

American University Washington College of Law is a dynamic law school at the center of policy, business, and all things international. We are a law school of over 1,700 JD, LL.M., and SJD students who Champion What Matters.

Founded on the principles of humanity, diversity, and equal rights, our students, faculty, and alumni incorporate these values into everything they do within our walls and around the globe. We offer more than 20 specialized programs including international law, human rights, law and government, intellectual property, business, and gender studies; as well as nationally recognized clinical and trial advocacy programs. Our location in Washington, D.C. opens up extraordinary internship and employment opportunities within branches of government, international organizations, private and public interest law firms, and non-governmental organizations. What's more, you'll be surrounded by a community of students and faculty that encourage and inspire one another.

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