

Requirements

Area of Concentration in Intellectual Property, Privacy, and Media Law

The need for legal expertise in the fields of intellectual property, privacy, and media law is growing. Accordingly, the Intellectual Property, Privacy, and Media Law Concentration allows students to focus on national and international issues associated with the ownership, use, and regulation of technological advancements, data, and creativity. Lawyers in these fields foster groundbreaking innovation and cultural phenomena at IP-focused law firms, university technology transfer offices, technology and entertainment companies, and non-governmental organizations that work in the public interest.

NOTE: In order for a student to be eligible for the Certificate for this Area of Concentration, a student must have a **cumulative GPA of 3.0 at the time of application and upon graduation**. No exceptions will be made.

NOTE: You may apply after you have completed the requirements. The application must be submitted after grades are released for your third trimester for full-time students (or fourth trimester for part-time students), but before graduation.

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Candidates may reach out to the following professors for more information: Professor Neill (Co-Director, specializing in Internet, Social Media, Privacy, and Copyright), Professor Simon (Co-Director, specializing in Patent Law and the Ethics of Data); Professor Behzadi (specializing in Art Law, Copyright, and International Intellectual Property), Professor Jones (specializing in AI and Technology), or Professor Cooper (specializing in AI and International Intellectual Property).

If you are interested in the Intellectual Property, Privacy, and Media law concentration, please review the requirements as described on this website. Professor Neill or Professor Simon can provide access to the application for students who have completed at least their third trimester and have met the requirements. Before applying, candidates are required to contact one of the Co-Directors of the Area of Concentration, Professor Neill or Professor Simon.

Candidates must satisfy four requirements in order to successfully complete the Area of Concentration:

1. completion of four listed courses (see course list below), each with a grade of B or higher
2. rigorous writing requirement that addresses a topic relevant to the Area of Concentration of at least 20 pages in length
3. practicum

4. student/professional organization requirement (see list of organizations below)

Within one month of completion of all the requirements, a candidate must complete the current application form, including but not limited to the following information:

- (1) an unofficial copy of their transcript with relevant grades and coursework highlighted;
- (2) a copy of their rigorous writing paper with an email from a professor confirming that its topic is relevant to this Area of Concentration;
- (3) a statement indicating how they have met the practicum requirement;
- (4) a statement indicating how they have been involved with a relevant organization (with an email from an officer of the group confirming their participation); and
- (5) the following statement: “In accordance with the Honor Code at California Western School of Law, I affirm that I have met all the requirements for a certificate for this Area of Concentration.”

Candidates who complete the Area of Concentration will receive a designation on their official transcript. Candidates who achieve a *combined average* in Area of Concentration courses of B+ or higher will receive an Honors Designation on their official transcript.

All decisions with respect to satisfaction of the requirements for the Area of Concentration shall be made by either Professor Neill or Professor Simon.

Eligible Courses

The course list below includes courses that could count towards this area of concentration. Please note that not all courses are offered regularly, and the current list of eligible courses may change as course offerings change.

Privacy Law
Copyright Law
Advanced Copyright Law
Trademark Law
Patent Law
Law and Ethics of Big Data
Patent Preparation and Prosecution
Entertainment Law
Internet & Social Media Law
Entrepreneurship Law
Transactional Law
Motion Picture Contract Drafting
Energy & Climate Change Law
Contract Drafting
Business Organizations

Internet & Media Law Clinic
Trademark Clinic
Art Law
Pharmaceutical Law and Policy
Food Law
Health Law & Policy

Candidates must complete a practicum requirement. This requirement can be satisfied by participating in one of the following activities.

Technology law-related internship or clinical externship (requires a minimum commitment of 50 hours)

Technology law related-pro bono work (requires a minimum commitment of 50 hours)

Trademark Clinic

New Media Rights - Internet & Media Law Clinic

Eligible Student and Professional Organizations

Candidates must participate in one of the following organizations for a minimum time period of at least one year.

Public Interest Law Foundation
Entertainment Law Society
Business Law Society
Intellectual Property Law Society
San Diego Intellectual Property Law Association
County bar of San Diego – Intellectual Property, Privacy & Cybersecurity, and Business & Corporate law sections
International Association of Privacy Professionals