

## Description and Certificate Application Form

### 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**. No exceptions will be made.

NOTE: Students may **only apply after third trimester grades are released for full-time students (or fourth trimester for part-time students), but no later than two weeks before the student registers for their final trimester**. No exceptions will be made.

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. Before applying, candidates are required to discuss their application with 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, each with a grade of B or higher
2. rigorous writing requirement that addresses a topic relevant to the Area of Concentration
3. practicum
4. student/professional organization requirement

**Within one month of completion of all the requirements, a candidate must notify Francine Vasquez by email. The email must include:**

- (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 a member 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.

Hello. When you submit this form, the owner will see your name and email address.

Required

Insert date of application

- 1.Name
- 2.Student ID Number
- 3.E-mail Address
- 4.Phone Number
5. Cumulative GPA (dropdown menu: selections from 3.0-4.0 only)
6. Most recently completed trimester (dropdown menu: selections are third full-time, fourth part-time, fourth full-time, fifth full-time, fifth part-time, and sixth part-time only)
- 7.A total of four courses are required. Candidates must earn a minimum grade of 3.0 or higher in *each* of the four courses selected from the courses listed below. Please select all courses you intend to take. Please note, not all courses are offered regularly.

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  
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

7. Candidates must complete a rigorous writing requirement related to intellectual property, privacy, media, or technology and the law. (This paper requirement must be fulfilled through either

a. A scholarly writing paper in one of the Area of Concentration courses or by an International Law Journal or Law Review note.) The scholarly writing paper must be at least 20 pages in total and prepared under the supervision of a faculty member or law review supervisor.

b. Transactional documents completed as part of an internship, externship, or EXP course (make sure to redact any client confidential information). The transactional documents must be at least 20 pages in total and prepared under the supervision of a faculty member or attorney

Please indicate how you plan to fulfill this requirement (including the proposed topic, course or internship/externship, and year that you plan to fulfill this requirement).

Please include a copy of the paper or document used to meet the writing requirement as part of your application.

8. Candidates must complete a practicum requirement. This requirement can be satisfied by participating in one of the following activities. Please indicate how you plan to fulfill this requirement.

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

10. Candidates must participate in one of the following organizations for a minimum time period of at least one year. Please select any that you intend to participate in.

Public Interest Law Foundation  
Entertainment Law Society

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

11. Please confirm the following statement: “In accordance with the Honor Code at California Western School of Law, I affirm that I have completed this form accurately.” (dropdown menu: selection "I affirm I have completed this form accurately" only)