

A.B.A. Standard 301 Statement Regarding Learning Outcomes
Intellectual Property Law Track

The following is the A.B.A. Standard 301 Statement Regarding Learning Outcomes for the Intellectual Property Law Track at the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law:

Knowledge and Understanding of Substantive and Procedural Laws

- Understand the core doctrines of intellectual property and related laws, including patent, trademark, copyright, and trade secret laws.
- Understand the theoretical and policy justifications for protecting intellectual property and other intangible assets.
- Understand the different roles played by state and federal governments in regulating and protecting intellectual property.
- Understand the administrative processes in place at the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the United States Copyright Office.

Legal research, Analysis and Reasoning

- Be familiar with and able to locate the statutes, regulations and foundational cases concerning intellectual property laws in the United States.
- Perform legal and related research directed to a variety of intellectual property law issues.
- Understand statutory interpretation and the importance of legislative history in interpreting and predicting the course of intellectual property laws.
- Perform legal analysis and reasoning, including the ability to provide objective evaluation and to formulate arguments, relating to the protection and enforcement of intellectual property rights.

Legal Practice Skills

- Communicate effectively about legal matters, both orally and in writing.
- Develop skills in client interaction and management, including interviewing clients, setting appropriate expectations, managing workloads, and meeting critical deadlines.
- Work collaboratively with students, colleagues, supervisors, and other stakeholders.

Exercise of Professional and Ethical Responsibilities

- Understand and show commitment to zealous client representation.
- Understand and appreciate the importance of client confidentiality.
- Understand an attorney's disclosure obligations to the United States Patent and Trademark Office and other administrative agencies and legal tribunals.
- Identify and address ethical issues in the representation of clients and performance of duties as an officer of the court.