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DEAN'S MESSAGE

The power of a legal education is seen in the skills and knowledge acquired to facilitate the creative process, whether involving words written on a page or software programs controlling a global communications network. Explosive developments in technology and commerce including artificial intelligence are continuously transforming the laws of intellectual property and information law.

The time is right to learn from the best, and the place to do that is here at the University of Houston Law Center. Our Intellectual Property & Information Law Institute is consistently ranked in the nation's Top 10, according to U.S. News & World Report, and is known throughout the world for the strength of its faculty, scholarship, curriculum, and graduates. Students at the Law Center learn against the backdrop of Houston, the nation's fourth largest city, and benefit from the wealth of intellectual capital in the area as the region thrives as an epicenter of business — domestically and in the global marketplace.

Whether your interest lies in traditional areas of intellectual property law — patent, copyright, trademark, trade secret — or the rapidly evolving field of information law — internet, software, electronic commerce, artificial intelligence, databases — IPIL/HOUSTON has what it takes to help you realize your goal of a successful career in this growing field.

Please spend a few minutes reading about all we have to offer and then come join us.

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AS PART OF THE UH LAW CENTER, the Institute for Intellectual Property & Information Law (IPIL) is located in one of the largest and most diverse metropolitan areas in the United States. Houston is among the top five markets in the United States for intellectual property and information law, with thousands of these specialists working in corporations, law firms, and universities. Indeed, the Houston Intellectual Property Law Association is among the most influential IP bar organizations in the country, boasting many leaders of national IP groups along with its active amicus and continuing legal education activities.

In addition to world-class law firms serving clients from Houston to Hong Kong and from Silicon Valley to Singapore, Houston hosts numerous multinational corporations and organizations that generate intellectual property: ExxonMobil, Shell, NASA, many information technology companies, and the distinguished institutions of the Texas Medical Center are just a few. UH's strong presence in the region produces significant research opportunities for faculty and students alike.

For more information on Houston, visit ***www.houstontx.gov/***.

DEGREE OFFERINGS

APPROXIMATELY THREE DOZEN IPIL-RELATED COURSES ARE OFFERED REGULARLY at the UH Law Center. All of these courses meet the degree requirements for the Doctor of Jurisprudence (J.D.) degree, and most apply to the Master of Laws (LL.M.) degree in intellectual property and information law.

J.D. PROGRAM

The UH Law Center offers both full-time and part-time programs leading to the J.D. degree. J.D. candidates must complete 90 credit hours and may select intellectual property and information law courses that reflect their individual interests. Students interested in applying to the J.D. Program should contact the Office of Admissions for an application at 713.743.2280 or ***lawadmissions@uh.edu***.

LL.M. PROGRAM

The LL.M. Program provides an academic environment for practicing lawyers who wish to expand their knowledge of intellectual property and information law. Only a limited number of candidates are accepted for full-time or part-time studies, and admission is highly competitive. Applicants from the United States must hold a J.D. degree from a law school accredited by the American Bar Association. Lawyers who hold law degrees from foreign countries must meet academic and English-language standards for admission.

LL.M. candidates must complete 24 credit hours of approved courses (including a minimum of 15 credit hours of IPIL courses), with a qualifying cumulative grade point average. An optional thesis is available. Class scheduling and availability vary from year to year. Most IPIL courses are offered in the fall and spring semesters. Generally, IPIL courses are not available in the summer. For Law Center J.D. students, a joint J.D./LL.M. program is available. Thesis supervision occurs during the fall and spring semesters only. For details about the LL.M. Program, visit ***www.law.uh.edu/llm***.

VISITING STUDENTS

Second- and third-year law students in good standing at an ABA-accredited law school are eligible to spend one or two semesters at the UH Law Center and to enroll in its IPIL curriculum as well as other upper-division courses. Participants are accorded “visiting” status and receive their law degrees from their home schools. Students interested in visiting the UH Law Center should contact the Office of Admissions at 713.743.2280 or ***lawadmissions@uh.edu***.

TRANSFER APPLICANTS

Students also have the option of applying for transfer to the Law Center. Transfer admissions are highly competitive. First consideration is given to applicants who have performed extremely well in their first year of law school. Applicants must have completed all or most of the Law Center’s first-year required courses. Successful applicants must have a minimum number of semester hours to apply and may transfer a maximum number of semester hours of credit, with hours rather than grades to be noted on their final UH Law Center transcripts. Other intake conditions apply. Students interested in transferring to the UH Law Center, and learning the detailed intake conditions such as the minimum and maximum intake transfer hours, should contact the Office of Admissions at 713.743.2280 or ***lawadmissions@uh.edu***.

For more details of the programs/degrees available, visit:
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Aman Gebru *Assistant Professor of Law; George Butler Research Professor*

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Professor Gebru's research examines issues at the intersection of intellectual property, innovation, and creative expression, including frameworks for communal authorship, cultural appropriation, and truthfulness in trademarks.

Before joining the University of Houston Law Center, Professor Gebru served as an assistant professor of law at Duquesne University School of Law, a visiting assistant professor at Cardozo School of Law, Yeshiva University, and a Global Post-Doctoral Fellow at New York University School of Law. He has also taught internationally at the University of Ontario Institute of Technology (Canada) and Haramaya University College of Law (Ethiopia).

Subjects: Contracts, Property Law, Trademark Law, Copyright Law, Patent law, Intellectual Property Law, and International Intellectual Property Law

Selected Publications include: *Truthmarks*, Am. U. L. Rev. __ (forthcoming 2027); *Remediating Cultural Appropriation*, 57 Ariz. St. L.J. 859 (2025); *Communal Authorship*, 58 U. Rich. L. Rev. 337 (2024); *Biopiracy as an Abuse of the Patent System*, in Intellectual Property Excesses (Enrico Bonadio and Aislinn O'Connell, eds.) (Hart Publishing, Oxford, 2022); *The Piracy Paradox and Indigenous Fashion*, 39 Cardozo Arts & Ent. L. J. 607 (2021); *Patents, Disclosure, & Biopiracy*, 96 Denver Law Review 535 (2019).



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Professor Guggenberger's research and scholarship focus on antitrust, law & technology, privacy, and regulation. In addition to his tenure-track appointment at the University of Houston Law Center, Professor Guggenberger holds a courtesy appointment at the Cullen College of Engineering's Electrical and Computer Engineering Department.

Before joining the University of Houston Law Center, Professor Guggenberger was a Lecturer in Law at Yale Law School and Executive Director of the Yale Information Society Project. He held an appointment as the RWTÜV Foundation Assistant Professor at the University of Münster School of Law in Germany. He also served as an advisor on banking and financial markets regulation, as well as monetary and economic policy, to Jakob von Weizsäcker at the European Parliament in Brussels. He has frequently advised government entities and served as expert witness on technology policy, financial markets regulation, and media law.

Subjects: Antitrust, Privacy & Data Protection, Contracts, and Law & Technology

Selected Publications include: *The Platform-Property Paradox*, 29 Stan. Tech. L. Rev. 286 (2026); *Faults and Pitfalls in Implementing the Right to be Forgotten*, Commc'ns ACM (2026) (with Chen Sun & Supreeth Shastri); *Restricting Data Flows Is a Sign of Weakness*, 49 Seattle U. L. Rev. 419 (2026) (Berle XVII Symposium: International Business Transactions in a Fragmented World: National Security, Geopolitics, and Corporate Governance); *Consent as Friction*, 66 B.C. L. Rev. 353 (2025).



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Professor Janicke is a recognized expert in intellectual property litigation and licensing. He clerked at the U.S. Court of Customs & Patent Appeals in Washington, D.C., from 1969 to 1971 before joining the intellectual property firm of Arnold, White & Durkee, where he later served as managing partner. He is a member of the bar in Texas and New York, and has been appointed special master in a number of Federal patent cases. Professor Janicke joined the UH Law Center faculty in 1992 as a co-creator of the IPIL program. Professor Janicke recently took emeritus status but remains active teaching several courses each year.

Subjects: Patent Law, Patent Remedies and Defenses, Licensing & Technology Transfer, Intellectual Property Survey, Intellectual Property Advanced Topics Seminar, Military Law, and Evidence

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Professor Michaels' primary academic focus is in intellectual property law, with a particular focus on patent law and emerging technologies including blockchain and artificial intelligence. Professor Michaels received his J.D. from New York University School of Law, and subsequently clerked for Judge Pauline Newman at the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit before practicing as a patent litigator for a number of years. Professor Michaels' work has been quoted by multiple federal district and appellate courts, and has appeared in scholarly journals such as *George Mason Law Review*, *Stanford Journal of Blockchain Law & Policy*, *Baylor Law Review*, and *Pepperdine Law Review*. He also regularly publishes shorter more practice-oriented pieces in forums such as Law360, and has authored multiple amicus briefs in the U.S. Supreme Court. Professor Michaels served as an advisor to the judicial committee that created the pattern jury instructions for trademark cases in the Fifth Circuit.

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Selected Publications include: *Mistaken Belief Defenses in Patent Law*, 78 Baylor L. Rev. __ (forthcoming 2027); *Ayahuasca and Religious Freedom*, 53 Pepperdine L. Rev. 239 (2026); *Parody Defendants are Finding Success Post-Jack Daniel's*, Law360 (Oct. 23, 2025); *Confusion in Trademarked NFTs*, 7 Stan. J. Blockchain L. & Pol'y 1 (2024); *Benefits of the Invention and Social Value in Patent Law*, 29 George Mas. L. Rev. 827 (2022); *Retroactivity and Appointments*, 52 Loy. U. Chi. L. J. 627 (2021); *Artificial Intelligence, Legal Change, and Separation of Powers*, 88 U. Cin. L. Rev. 1083 (2020); *Implicit Overruling and Foreign Lost Profits*, 25 B.U. J. Sci. & Tech. L. 101 (2019); *The Patent Lawyer's Guide to Fascism: On Individual Autonomy and Private Law*, 49 N.M. L. Rev. 169 (2019); *Abstract Innovation, Virtual Ideas, and Artificial Legal Thought*, 14 J. Bus. & Tech. L. 101 (2018); *Patent Transfer and the Bundle of Rights*, 83 Brooklyn L. Rev. 933 (2018); *The Holding-Dictum Spectrum*, 73 Arkansas L. Rev. 661 (2017); *Pot Calls Kettle Dictum: Expanded Secret Prior Art in Obviousness*, 26 Fed. Cir. Bar J. 93 (2016); *Tones That Echo From a Past Era of Rigid Jurisprudence: Pre-Challenge Royalties and the Federal Circuit's* Shell *Test*, 31 Santa Clara High Tech. L. J. 543 (2015).



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Subjects: Digital Transactions, Intellectual Property Survey, Intellectual Property Advanced Topics Seminar, Internet Law, International Intellectual Property, Intellectual Property Strategy & Management, Licensing, Patent Law, Property, and Trademark Law

Selected Publications include: *Modern Music Dissemination and Licensing Innovation*, 99 B.U. L. Rev. 2551 (2019); *Opportunistic Free and Open Source Software Development Pathways*, 30 Harv. J.L. & Tech. 167 (2017); *Are Prior User Rights Good for Software?*, 73 Tex. Intell. Prop. L.J. 251 (2015); *Patent Law* chapters for Intellectual Property Law (LexisNexis 2015) (intellectual property survey course casebook, with John Cross, Doris Long & Peter Yu); *Patent Law's Unpredictability Doctrine and the Software Arts*, 76 Mo. L. Rev. 763 (2011); *Patenting Cryptographic Technology*, 84 Chicago-Kent L. Rev. 757 (2010); *Commercial Free and Open Source Software: Knowledge Production, Hybrid Appropriability, and Patents*, 77 Fordham L. Rev. 2087 (2009).

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and Greg R. Vetter (IPIL/Houston)

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Gaia Bernstein, 2025 Fall Lecture presenter
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(L-R) Greg R. Vetter (IPIL/Houston) presenting
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