

## INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW SECTION 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

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**TO:** New Mexico State Bar  
**FROM:** Justin Muehlmeier  
**DATE:** December 19, 2018  
**SUBJECT:** 2018 Annual Report – Intellectual Property Law Section

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**Summary.** This memorandum summarizes the activities undertaken by the **Intellectual Property Law Section, Board of Directors** for the period of January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2018. For a complete record of activities, please review the meeting minutes from monthly board meetings, available on our website [https://www.nmbar.org/Nmstatebar/About\\_Us/Intellectual\\_Property\\_Law/Intellectual\\_Property\\_Law.aspx](https://www.nmbar.org/Nmstatebar/About_Us/Intellectual_Property_Law/Intellectual_Property_Law.aspx). Board meetings were held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month.

**Officers.** Officers for 2018 were: Justin Muehlmeier (Chair); Kevin Soules (Chair-elect); Svitlana Anderson (Secretary); and Ian Bezpalko (Treasurer).

**Board.** The Members of the IP Section Board for 2018 were:

- 1) Justin Muehlmeier (Chair)
- 2) Jeffrey Albright
- 3) Ian Bezpalko
- 4) Gina Constant
- 5) Kevin Soules
- 6) Breanna Houghton
- 7) Svitlana Anderson (New)
- 8) Beate Boudro
- 9) Helen Baca (pending membership in NM State Bar)
- 10) Past Chair: Talia Kosh
- 11) YLD Liaison: Vacant
- 12) Law Student Member: Marco Santamaria

**Finances.** The finances of the IP Section remain sound. According to the most recent report from November, the Section balance was \$2,447.24. On December 7<sup>th</sup>, that balance was calculated to be \$1,986.93 by the State Bar, but the next report will not be issued until January.

**Membership.** The IP Section had 67 members as of December 4, 2018. The membership roster is available on the IP Section website.

## **2018 Activities**

The IP Section strives to be active in its community with the following goals:

- to provide members of the State Bar of New Mexico, with useful and timely information regarding IP or the practice of IP;
- to encourage the practice of IP in law students and disseminate an awareness of IP to law students; and
- to increase the awareness of IP and its value to New Mexico entrepreneurs, creatives and inventors and provide the public at large access to legal services or resources about legal services.

This year, the IP Section:

- Held a career panel and mixer event for UNM Law Students on September 20<sup>th</sup>, at the UNM School of Law in which a panel of seasoned IP attorneys from various firms and sectors spoke about the practice of IP law in NM and law students asked questions. The panel was followed by a mixer reception in which students mingled with the attorneys for a couple hours.
  - 30 law students attended
  - 8 attorneys participated
- Hosted the Pro Bono IP Fair, our first IP-focused pro bono legal clinic, on November 10<sup>th</sup>, from 9am-1pm, at the UNM School of Law. The goal here was two-fold: to develop a relationship with the law school and provide a venue for students to see IP practice in action through shadowing initial consultations; and provide much needed free legal advice to the community at large. This event involved:
  - 16 attorney volunteers;
  - 5 paralegal volunteers;
  - 8 shadowing law students; and
  - At least 62 people served.
- Organized and hosted our annual IP CLE, this year entitled “Intellectual Property in Tech Transfer, Estate and Business Opportunities”, held December 6<sup>th</sup> at the State Bar Center, including a reception that followed the event. 19 people attended in person and 17 by webcast. The post-CLE evaluation showed that the CLE met and exceeded most people’s expectations.
- Published four articles in an IP Insert in the State Bar’s New Mexico Lawyer Magazine, the articles addressed to hot topics in IP and local IP issues. The articles were written by Jeff Albright, Breanna Contreras, Kevin Soules and Justin Muehlmeier.
- Reserved a date for the NM Lawyer issue for IP insert for 2020 issue.
- Reserved a date for the IP section’s all-day CLE for 2019: Wednesday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

## **The 2019 Board**

The committee to nominate board members for 2019 was:

- Gina Constant – Chair;
- Justin Muehlmeier;
- Svitlana Anderson;
- Kevin Soules; and
- Isaac Estrada – non-Board member.

After soliciting nominations, no election was needed, so the IP Section Board for 2019 will comprise:

- 1) Kevin Soules (Chair)
- 2) Jeffrey Albright
- 3) Ian Bezpalko
- 4) Gina Constant
- 5) Talia Kosh
- 6) Breanna Contreras
- 7) Svitlana Anderson
- 8) Beate Boudro
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**Next Meeting date, time:** January 22, 2018 at noon, location TBA.