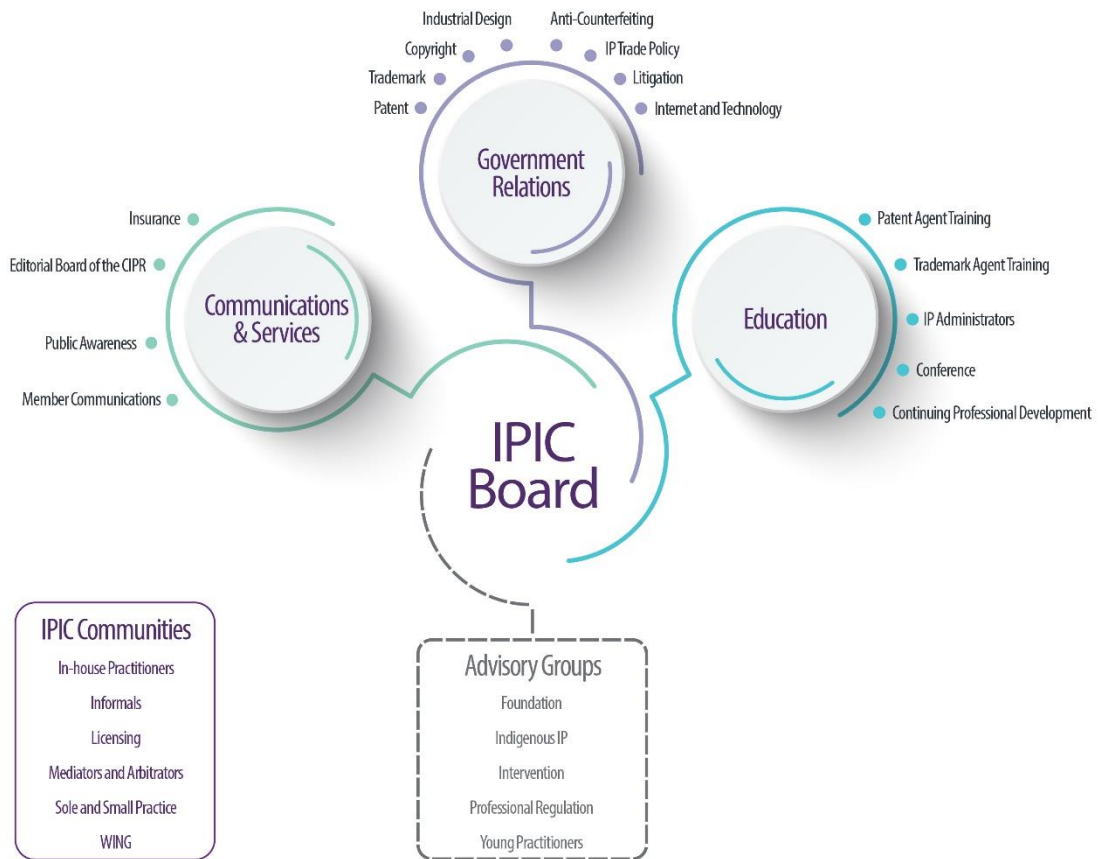


IPIC Committee & Community Mandates

2021-2023



Committee Structure





Government Relations

These committees support IPIC efforts to ensure that the interests of the Canadian IP profession are considered in relevant legislation, regulation, policies, and international treaties. They prepare submissions to government and participate in IPIC's advocacy efforts.

Anti-counterfeiting Committee

The mandate of this committee is to contribute to the development and implementation of anticounterfeiting policy and programs in Canada and its borders.

Copyright Committee

The committee monitors and provides feedback on potential improvements to Canadian copyright law that reflect the practical knowledge of the IP professional community in Canada. The Copyright Committee also serves as a platform for debate amongst members of our Institute who represent various interests of the copyright community. If a consensus is reached on a particular topic, the committee will advocate copyright reform in areas desired by the Institute and its members. When there is not a consensus, it will report to the Board on the various points of view.

Industrial Design Committee

The committee reviews all proposals and makes recommendations to amend policy which may affect the substantive industrial design system in Canada and monitors industrial design practice with a view to identifying facets of industrial design policy in need of reform.

Internet & Technology Committee

The committee monitors the law and practice relating to intellectual property protection of computer-related technology as well as initiatives concerning domain names and trademarks on the internet. The committee develops recommendations and evaluates proposals for enactment of new laws and regulations, interpretation of existing policy, and current developments in case law in order to make recommendations to the IPIC Board.

IP Trade Policy Committee

The IP Trade Policy Committee has the responsibility of examining and providing the Canadian government with feedback on IP provisions of prospective international trade agreements and subsequent legislation. This includes amendments and re-negotiation of existing trade agreements, and feedback on Canadian internal trade agreements.

Litigation Committee

This committee examines the law, practice and procedure respecting intellectual property litigation. The Committee also provides case summaries for the IPIC blog, UnscriPted.



Patent Committee

This committee monitors proposed amendments to the Patent Act and Patent Rules and any other policy relating to patents including PCT matters and life sciences-related subject matter, and to suggest desirable amendments of the Act and Rules and other patent-related legislation. The committee is also charged with monitoring developments in patent law harmonization and practice issues within CIPO and/or WIPO. It also monitors international patent policy issues identifying areas for Canadian policy reform to keep pace with the international community.

Trademark Committee

The mandate of this committee is to monitor proposed amendments of the Trademarks Act and Trademark Regulations and any other policy relating to trademarks, and to suggest desirable amendments of the Act and Regulations. This committee is also charged with monitoring developments in trademark law and practice within CIPO and/or WIPO. It also monitors international trademark policy issues to identify areas for Canadian policy reform to keep pace with the international community.



Education

The following committees help develop and deliver high quality training to our members so they can achieve the highest standards throughout their careers. They prepare content for the Annual Conference, find speakers for courses and webinars and research new delivery methods.

Conference Committee

The mandate of this committee is to prepare the educational program of the Annual Conference. Work includes determining the conference theme and session topics as well as selecting speakers. Members of this committee can also act as moderators during conference sessions.

Continuing Professional Development Committee

The committee develops educational programs such as webinars, seminars and interactive workshops). These programs provide the profession with education on emerging areas of practice, practice management advice, and training at more advanced level of IP practice.

Patent Administrators Committee

The committee develops educational curriculum for patent assistants, paralegals and clerks leading to the professional designation of Certified Canadian Patent Administrator (CCPA) The committee sets the certification exam and develops continuing education for the CCPAs.

Patent Agent Training Committee

The Committee is responsible for the Patent Agent Training Course and the Patent Agent Tutorials. These courses are designed to enhance the patent agent trainees' level of knowledge and skills and to assist trainees in passing the Patent Agent Qualifying Examination. The Committee reviews and updates course content and helps find instructors and tutors for both offerings.

Trademark Administrators Committee

The committee develops educational curriculum for trademark assistants, paralegals and clerks leading to the professional designation of Certified Canadian Trademark Administrator (CCTA) The committee sets the certification exam and develops continuing education for the CCTAs.

Trademark Agent Training Committee

The Committee is responsible for the Trademark Agent Exam Prep Course, the Trademark Agent Training Course and the Trademark Agent Tutorials. The Exam Prep Course and the Tutorials are designed to assist trademark agent trainees in passing the Trademark Agent Qualifying Examination and to enhance their level of knowledge and skills. The TM Agent Training Course offers on-demand online continuing education for trademark agents. The Committee reviews and updates course content and helps find instructors and tutors.



Advisory Groups

These committees advise IPIC and the Board of Directors on issues related to their mandate.

Foundation

The Patent and Trademark Institute Educational Foundation (PTIEF) is a registered charity. Its objective is to encourage education and scholarship in the IP field. The Foundation currently awards prizes for the students achieving the highest marks in the Patent Agent and Trademark Agent exams each year. The trustees of the wish to expand the role of the Foundation and to increase the capacity of the Foundation to provide financial support to worthwhile educational activities in the IP field. The mandate of the committee will be to develop and execute a fundraising strategy

Indigenous IP Committee

The Committee's mandate is to monitor and consider the relationship between indigenous rights and intellectual property protection in Canada and elsewhere. The Committee expects to be involved in educating and informing members about the relationship between indigenous rights and IP, including through the dissemination of written resources, assistance with the development of CPD programs, and outreach to experts in the area, both domestically and abroad. The Committee further anticipates monitoring and identifying the development of issues involving the interface between indigenous rights and IP, and where appropriate, making recommendations on positions to be taken with respect to such issues as they may impact Canadian IP laws.

Intervention

The Intervention Committee is designated by the IPIC Board as an ad hoc committee of IPIC and its members are appointed by the Board, as per IPIC's intervention policy. The Intervention Committee is responsible for the following activities: monitor or identify judicial and administrative decisions which involve significant issues of law or practice which affect intellectual property; make recommendations to IPIC regarding matters in which IPIC may want to intervene; review and evaluate requests for intervention; where a request for intervention has been approved: supervise Intervention Counsel on all cases where IPIC intervention is sought; develop and approve all submissions made before the Court by the Intervention Counsel; and provide status reports to the Board on all cases where IPIC intervention is sought.

Professional Regulation Committee

The purpose of this committee is to advise the Board on matters relating to regulation of the profession.

Young Practitioners Committee

The Young Practitioners Committee is open to members (excluding Fellows) who have been in practice for less than ten years. The mandate of the Committee is to serve the interests of young intellectual



property practitioners including providing professional development and networking opportunities, and outreach to potential student members.



Communications & Services

The following committees help IPIC to provide high member engagement programs, high quality communications, or improve IPIC stewardship. They deliver quality publications, information and services to IPIC members (i.e. CIPR, blog and website).

Communications Committee

The mandate of this committee is to source and provide content for IPIC's UnscriPted blog, including articles on relevant and interesting IP topics, white papers, Q&As, committee profiles, member profiles, etc., approximately 2 per month.

The committee will also be responsible for staying up to date on IP matters in the media and identifying opportunities for IPIC response/Op-eds. The committee will work with IPIC staff to identify the applicable committee to approach and provide editorial support to the author(s) while managing the review process.

Editorial Board of the CIPR

Publication of the Canadian Intellectual Property Review (CIPR). The committee solicits newsworthy items of potential interest to members and arranges for their publication. Members of the committee also serve as article reviewers for submissions to CIPR, article reviewers for each article are chosen based on their area of specialization/expertise.

Insurance

The mandate of the Insurance Committee of the IPIC is threefold. First, it is to monitor the Errors & Omissions insurance coverage program offered to members to ensure the broadest coverage at the lowest cost. Second, the Committee, in association with the relevant insurance companies and brokers, provides information and education with respect to Errors & Omissions insurance issues. Third, the Committee oversees the IPIC's internal insurance coverage for its directors, officers, committee members and property.

Public Awareness

This committee will initiate activities, including some with partners, aimed at small and medium business, universities, and any other group which can be targeted to provide a basic understanding of IP, its benefits and why to use an IP professional. Members of the committee will be involved in the development of the IPIC Bank of Speakers to identify expert speakers for various events and will also be asked to participate as speakers as required.



Communities

Communities are groups of members with a common professional interest. They can be based on issues, practice profiles, region – or any topic that meets member needs.

In-house Practitioners

The In-house Practitioners Community are IP professionals working for corporations who gather together to share knowledge, raise issues and discuss topics related to in-house practice.

Licensing

The Licensing Community is made up of intellectual property professionals who deal with matters relating to licenses or waivers of IP. They network, share knowledge, and discuss issues related to the practice of licensing.

Mediators and Arbitrators

The Mediators and Arbitrators Community's goal is to provide a forum to network with other professionals in the practice of mediation and arbitration on IP related matters. The community also looks for opportunities to promote awareness of the benefits of greater use of alternative dispute resolution (ADR) in resolving IP disputes in Canada, and to provide education.

Sole and Small Practice

The Sole and Small Practice Community meets to discuss developments in IP law and small practice management issues. They also network and share knowledge that helps to support others in the management of a small IP practice in Canada. They may also discuss issues related to copyright, industrial design, patents and trademarks, as they arise.

Women in IP

The Women in IP Community (also known as WING) hosts networking events, webinars and seminars with a focus on education and leadership opportunities for women IP professionals. They raise awareness of the strides women have made, and continue to make, in IP.