

**An Introduction to IP Career Planning**  
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**Background**

- **Why are you interested in an IP career?**
- **What is IP?** (“Soft” vs. “Hard”)
- **What do IP attorneys do?**
  - Litigation
  - Corporate
  - IP specific (Patent & TM “prosecution”)

**Career Planning**

- **How can I get a job in IP?**
  - **Job Search**
    - **General Information**
      - IP Research Guide – Job Listings on the Web  
<http://lawlibguides.luc.edu/content.php?pid=85432&sid=669815>
      - “4 or More” List  
[www.luc.edu/law/career/4\\_or\\_more.html](http://www.luc.edu/law/career/4_or_more.html)
      - [www.nalpdirectory.com](http://www.nalpdirectory.com)
      - [www.martindale.com](http://www.martindale.com)
      - Sullivan’s (corporations) – hard copy available in the Office of Career Services
      - Craigslist
    - **Types of Jobs**
      - Externships – Judicial (1L opportunity); Corporate
      - Firms – general firms vs. IP “boutiques”
      - Other – LPA, WIPO (New York)
  - **Resume & Cover Letter**
  - **Course Planning**  
[http://www.luc.edu/law/academics/curriculum/ho\\_curriculum.html](http://www.luc.edu/law/academics/curriculum/ho_curriculum.html)
    - IP Classes, General Classes, & Externships
    - Certificates

- **Other Opportunities**
  - IP Moot Court
  - Law Journals (write an IP-based note)
  - AIPLA Journal
    - [http://www.aipla.org/Content/ContentGroups/Meetings\\_and\\_Events1/Competitions/20101/QJ-RequestToCompeteForm.pdf](http://www.aipla.org/Content/ContentGroups/Meetings_and_Events1/Competitions/20101/QJ-RequestToCompeteForm.pdf)
  - Associations & Organizations – i.e. ABA, CBA, CIPA
  - School Activities & Mentoring Programs
- **Special stuff for those with technical backgrounds (Patent focus)**
  - **Patent “bar”**
    - Who qualifies? <http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/dcom/olia/oed/grb.pdf>
    - How to best prepare & pass?
  - **Patent-focused resume**
  - **Loyola Patent Law Interview Program (July 29-30, 2010)**
    - <http://www.luc.edu/law/career/patent.html>
  - **USPTO – Patent examiner positions**