



## Intellectual property jobs

Intellectual property refers to inventions, innovations, novel ideas, work of art, music, etc. Intellectual property rights are the rights of exclusivity granted to the owner of the above mentioned properties. These intellectual rights basically are rights to obtain patents, trademarks, copyrights etc. Thus, if the intellectual property law (IP law) is strictly followed, the IP rights ensure that the people who have done the original work are not deprived of the credits, benefits, rewards, and fame for being the innovators. The IP law provides them the intellectual protection against plagiarism and helps them guard against others from adapting this work and presenting it as their own.

But, how do we ensure that the IP law is applied and followed strictly? Here comes the need for intellectual licensing. Usually, the jobs are based in law firms and the positions can be: [patent attorneys](#), [patent lawyers](#), [IP attorneys](#), [IP lawyers](#) etc. Their main responsibility is to make sure that the intellectual ownership of an IP is not compromised and they are provided adequate intellectual protection in their trade.

### Job profiles

Most of the jobs in this field are based in law firms. In these firms the job positions and profiles may range variedly. The very common positions/ profiles are: patent attorneys, patent lawyers, IP attorneys, IP lawyers, [patent agents](#) etc.

The general roles and responsibilities include:

- Enabling Patent/ trademark/copyright ownership.
- Managing the IP rights.
- In case of any infringement, file opposition and carry through with the prosecution and claims to provide intellectual protection.
- Look after the legal issues related to the intellectual properties.

### Skills and qualifications

The skills include thorough knowledge of the IP law, patent

laws, etc. The person should have very good interpersonal skills as effective communication is one of the key qualities to have for this kind of job. The person should be knowledgeable in multiple disciplines as it would be an advantage in today's age of multi-tasking.

The qualifications required vary depending on the position and responsibilities. The qualifications also vary as per a countries jurisdiction. For e.g. in the USA to be a patent attorney or patent agent, the candidate should have at least one technical degree in engineering, physics, chemistry, biology etc. Along with this he has to clear a registration examination only after which he can earn a degree of a patent attorney.

### Experience

As the desired job position is high up the job hierarchy, the number of years of experience required also increases. But in general even for a job on the lowest level of the hierarchy, a candidate needs to have good amount of internship experience with a reputed law firm.

### Opportunities / Future prospects

With people becoming more aware of the IP law and the increasing need of intellectual protection, the number of job prospects in various law firms is increasing by the day and this upward trend will only improve further.



## Intellectual Property Career Feature

### Salaries

The salaries vary depending on the geographical location of the job, economic condition, qualification, experience and the position. But in general it is a high paying job.

In general, the intellectual property jobs are best suited for people with a penchant for laws and legal matters. The basic responsibility is to provide intellectual protection to intellectual ownership.

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