



The Fastest Growing Legal Practice

As the legal profession continues to expand its parameters based on the fast growing electronic age, intellectual property protection needs continue to grow at rapid speeds and in fact, struggles to keep pace. As such, the attorneys who practice within this specialty must incorporate a knowledgeable, resourceful and aggressive team of associates.

In short, intellectual property is defined as any issue that deals with patents, e-business, internet law, communications, information and technology services, e-commerce or other information technology. Certainly, this encompasses the internet in its entirety. Those looking to break into this field would be wise to learn not only the vocabulary associated with the newer terms, but also gain a solid understanding of the landscape and its lightning-fast changes.

Most [job candidates](#), while not attorneys, acquire undergraduate degrees in areas such as sociology and even psychology. One recent survey revealed associates can be found in larger global corporations, government entities (both American and international, such as World Intellectual Property Organizations) and even human rights organizations.

According to Pierce Law Education, many are landing jobs in these fields simply by networking. By incorporating RSS feeds, emails and the internet, many are able to locate these lucrative positions. It stands to reason that the internet would be the one source for locating available positions. In fact, these jobs are rarely advertised in any print medium.

One suggestion law firms offer [job candidates](#) is to stay aware of the fast changes within this legal field. By participating in online courses such as those offered by many online universities, this encompasses the various types of jobs and their descriptions, technical issues involved with the transition from the classroom to a legal environment, and even societal problems such as cyber stalking, one can quickly acquire skills and education that serve them well within the intellectual rights arena. Other suggestions include incorporating the many legal directories that are available to get an idea of

which law firms are breaking into the intellectual property fields. One suggestion that is mentioned often is the NALP Directory. This is especially beneficial since it links students and recent graduates with law firms. Another suggestion is West Legal Directory as it's updated on a more consistent basis than others and therefore provides more current information.

Other suggestion for finding these vacancies includes attendance at [job fairs](#), as well as recruitment efforts at colleges. Even law firms at times host these events. Finally, many lawyers are recognizing the benefits of mentoring those wishing to become associates within their firms. By carefully grooming the right candidate, an attorney can effectively ensure transference of those valuable lessons that only come with experience.

Because this field is still considered in its infancy, locating documentation regarding salaries is difficult at best. This could be an advantage to those wishing to go into this sector, since negotiations might prove favorable for job applicants. [Employment opportunities](#) continue to grow in this field and legislation that's seemingly passed a few times a year lends to the importance and necessity of maintaining the integrity of intellectual property.

Despite the parameters that are still being defined, this field is sure to continue its growth and as such, is considered one of the fastest growing and certainly one of the most important aspects of the American legal structure.

Coupled with traditional job searches, one's creativity is likely as important as a candidate's background and experience.

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