



I'm a 1L Interested in High Tech/IP Law What Should I Do Now?

Welcome to Santa Clara University School of Law! We're glad you're here. Students have numerous opportunities to become part of the high tech law community. However, some activities are not designed for 1Ls, and in some cases 1Ls will be discouraged or prohibited from participating. So, how can a 1L get involved?

THE #1 THING TO DO *RIGHT NOW*:

Subscribe to the High Tech Student email announcement list! All students interested in high tech and IP law should subscribe to our email announcement list. In many cases, it's the only place where we announce events/speakers, externships/job postings, special student opportunities and important information about our curriculum. If you don't sign up, you might miss out on important news! **Sign up at <http://eepurl.com/C8QcX>**

ATTEND EVENTS

You will want to put your studies first, but we encourage you to find some time for out-of-class learning opportunities. Many noontime events offer lunch, so you can grab a bite, learn a little and meet some new people.

The *Student Intellectual Property Law Association* runs the noontime "High Tech Tuesday" series, which brings in practicing IP and technology lawyers to talk about their jobs or cutting-edge legal issues. For more information, contact Co-Presidents: Lauren Krickl (lkrickl@scu.edu) or Pam Vavra (pvavra@scu.edu).

The *Biotechnology Law Group* focuses on biotech and life sciences matters and creates opportunities for students to network with attorneys practicing in these areas. For more information, see <http://law.scu.edu/life/biotechnology-law-group/>

The *Privacy Law Student Organization* is dedicated to the study and discussion of modern issues of Privacy Law. For more information, visit <http://law.scu.edu/life/privacy-law-student-organization/>.

The *Sports and Entertainment Law Society* sponsors speaker events on current issues in sports and entertainment law, career panels and social events.

The *High Tech Law Journal* runs an annual day-long symposium early in the spring semester. For more information, contact Erica Riel-Carden (erielcarden@scu.edu).

The High Tech Law Institute offers numerous events during the year that are open to students. These events are posted to the blog; you can find a preview of upcoming events at <http://law.scu.edu/hightech/high-tech-law-events/>

START YOUR CAREER DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS

The Law Career Services office offers a number of high-tech/IP-oriented sessions during the year. Due to NALP regulations, most LCS activities do not start for 1Ls until November. To find out more about LCS events, go the <http://law.scu.edu/careers/>.

As a 1L, you should begin to build your network of lawyers and other colleagues who can be good information resources and perhaps help you find a job. How do you network?

- When you attend events, talk with speakers/panelists.
- Volunteer to work at conferences and seminars.
- Get involved with local and national professional organizations.
- Conduct informational interviews with alumni and other lawyers.
- Attend career fairs, such as the LCS's Silicon Valley High Tech Legal Career Fair, the San Francisco Intellectual Property Law Association Bay Area Job Fair (see <http://www.sfipla.com/job.html>), and the Loyola Patent Law Interview Program held in Chicago (see <http://www.luc.edu/law/career/patent.html>). IMPORTANT: To attend the Loyola Chicago job fair for a 2L summer job, you will need to apply in February of your 1L year!

PREPARE FOR YOUR SECOND YEAR

In the Spring, we will organize a presentation about the curriculum for the next academic year. This session will discuss your options and answer your questions about the curriculum. In addition you will learn more about various student activities, including the student groups, the journal, moot court opportunities, summer programs and more. Plan on attending! For more help with your curricular planning, see <http://law.scu.edu/wp-content/uploads/hightech/Navigating-the-High-Tech-Curriculum-March-2012.pdf>.

Consider obtaining an International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP) Certification. <https://privacyassociation.org/certify/>.

If you qualify to sit for the exam, consider taking the Patent Bar exam your first summer. For qualification information, go to <http://www.uspto.gov/ip/boards/oed/grb.pdf>

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