

Intellectual Property Research Guide

Overview

This research guide includes information and resources on intellectual property. The resources provided cover copyright, patents, trademarks, and trade secrets. The resources listed below are not exhaustive and may not include the most up-to-date information. It is for information purposes only and should not be construed as legal advice or act as the substitute for legal counsel.

Statutes and Codes

Texas Statutes Online www.statutes.capitol.texas.gov

United States Code (USC)

- Title 17 Copyright Law of the United States <https://www.copyright.gov/title17/>

Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)

- Title 37 Patents, Trademarks, and Copyrights <https://www.copyright.gov/title37/>

Business and Commerce Code

- Ch. 16 Trademarks <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/BC/htm/BC.16.htm>

Secondary Resources in Print

Patent, Copyright & Trademark: An Intellectual Property Desk Reference KF 2980.E45

The Copyright Handbook: What Every Writer Needs to Know KF 2995.F53

Getting Permission: Using & Licensing Copyright-Protected Materials Online & Off KF 3024.C6 S85

Texas Practice Series REF KFT 1280 .T4

- Vol. 15, Ch. 18 Foreclosure of Intellectual Property

NOLO's Patents for Beginners KF 3114.6.P748

Patent It Yourself: Your Step-by-Step Guide to Filing at the U.S. Patent Office KF 3114.85.P74

How to Make Patent Drawings: Save Thousands of Dollars and Do It With a Camera and Computer! KF 3120.U3 L64

Patent Pending in 24 Hours: Prepare your provisional patent application quickly and easily KF 3120.Z9 S75

Music Law: How to Run Your Band's Business KF 2933.M8 S87

- Ch. 7 Copyright and Song Ownership
- Ch. 9 Band Names (Trademark)

Patent Searching Made Easy: How to do Patent Searches Online and in the Library KF 3120.H58

Profit From Your Idea: How to Make Licensing Deals KF 3145.S75

Trademark: Legal Care for Your Business and Product Name KF 3180.Z9 E4

NOLO's Encyclopedia of Everyday Law: Answers to Your Most Frequently Asked Legal Questions KF 387.N646

- Ch. 6 Patents
- Ch. 7 Copyrights
- Ch. 8 Trademarks

Texas Business Litigation KFT 1410.T49

- Ch. 14 Intellectual Property and Trade Secrets Litigation §14-4 Trademark Litigation

CLE Materials

Advanced Trademark Workshop KF 3180.A2 A38

Advanced Intellectual Property Law KFT 1530.A7557

- 2022 Ch. 3 Protecting Intellectual Property Rights Through International Arbitration
- 2018 Ch. 2 Trademark Update
- 2016 Ch. 4 Trial and Appeal Board Mock Trial

Intellectual Property Law Workshop Trademarks in IP KFT1530 .A75S7

- 2021 Ch. 4 Trademarks v. Trade Names

Online Resources

Trademarks (Secretary of State)

<https://www.sos.state.tx.us/corp/trademark.shtml>

U.S. Patents and Trademark Office (USPTO)

<https://www.uspto.gov/trademarks/basics/trademark-patent-copyright>

U.S. Copyright Office

<https://www.copyright.gov/>

Protecting Your Ideas: An Overview of Intellectual Property Law (Texas State Bar)

https://www.texasbar.com/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Our_Legal_System1&Template=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=23467

Texas Intellectual Property Law Journal (UT Austin)

<https://tiplj.org/issues/>

5 Steps to Protect Your Intellectual Property

<https://texasceomagazine.com/5-steps-to-protect-your-intellectual-property/>

Intellectual Property Enforcement (US Department of State) <https://www.state.gov/intellectual-property-enforcement/>

Intellectual Property Rights Information & Assistance (StopFakes.gov) <https://www.stopfakes.gov>

Trademark Information Network (USPTO)

<https://www.uspto.gov/trademarks/basics/trademark-information-network>

Legal Assistance

Legal Lines – Ask Attorneys simple legal questions (free service)

- Tarrant County LegalLine Sign-up <https://www.tarrantbar.org/>
- Dallas County LegalLine Sign-up <https://www.dallasbar.org/index.cfm?pg=legalline>

Tarrant County Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service: 817-336-4101 (\$20 for the first 30 minutes)