
Bernar Pravel, APLA and then AIPLA President, 1983-84.

1991 - I. Fred Koenigsburg is the first Copyright Attorney to serve as AIPLA President.

1998 - Margaret “Meg” Boulware is the first woman to serve as AIPLA President.

2005 - Melvin C. Garner is elected as the first Black President of AIPLA.

Judy Saffer, who is both a former professional dancer, and a Copyright Attorney, served as AIPLA President from 2006-2007, demonstrating the intersection between IP and the Arts.

Present day - 2022 - AIPLA is a vibrant, diverse community, dedicated to educating IP professionals, to be the best IP practitioners they can be. AIPLA’s core purpose is to support IP professionals, foster innovation and creativity, and promote an effective and balanced intellectual property system. And we do it with all of you!
About AIPLA

Founded in 1897, AIPLA is a national bar association of approximately 7,000 members engaged in private or corporate practice, in government service, and in the academic community. AIPLA members represent a wide and diverse spectrum of individuals, corporations, and institutions involved directly or indirectly in the practice of patent, trademark, copyright, trade secret, and unfair competition law, as well as other fields of law affecting intellectual property. Our members represent both owners and users of intellectual property. Our mission includes helping establish and maintain fair and effective laws and policies that stimulate and reward invention while balancing the public’s interest in healthy competition, reasonable costs, and basic fairness.

Core Purpose

To support IP professionals, foster innovation and creativity, and promote an effective and balanced intellectual property system.

Mission

AIPLA supports IP professionals and advances an effective and balanced intellectual property system through advocacy, education, training, and community outreach.

Core Values

Pursuit of Excellence: A dedication to the improvement of the intellectual property system by being a thought leader for intellectual property, providing advanced professional development, and serving as a strong collective voice to champion innovation and creativity.

Commitment: An enduring belief in the essential importance of an intellectual property system that promotes innovation and creativity through our community of engaged IP professionals.

Advocacy: AIPLA will provide crucial leadership and unbiased analysis leading the way for world-class policy and decision-making, while attracting membership, ideas, and resources as a highly sought after and respected thought leader.

Collaboration: A strong, diverse, and supportive community of IP professionals working together as a collective champion for innovative and creative solutions to issues facing the IP system and its stakeholders.

Strategies

IP Professionals: IP professionals will be part of an inclusive community of professionals who are well-informed, engaged, and prepared to adapt to a changing environment. IP professionals will have access to the tools, education and resources required to continue to provide high-quality, predictable outcomes for IP stakeholders in a rapidly changing environment.

AIPLA (as an organization): AIPLA will possess the capacity needed to effectively support the objectives of the organization.

Government/Policy Makers: Policy makers will benefit from AIPLA’s thoughtful voice, leading to a balanced and effective IP system.

Innovators, Creators, and the General Public: All innovators, creators, and the general public will benefit from an effective IP system, which is clear, predictable and promotes innovation, protects creativity, and facilitates consistent quality of goods and services.
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One hundred and twenty-five years ago, retired Civil War Union General, Ellis Spear, and his fellow patent practitioners formed the Patent Law Association of Washington D.C. By 1914, the Association had grown well beyond Washington, and changed its name to the American Patent Law Association. And, in 1983 in recognition that the Association’s work involves all aspects of intellectual property law, it changed its name to the American Intellectual Property Law Association. During this century-and-a-quarter we have grown from a local association of a few dozen patent practitioners to an international Association with thousands of members.

This has been a year of reemergence and re-engagement. Our Association, and all voluntary professional associations, have been challenged by this pandemic, which caused untold disruptions to professional and personal life, prevented engagement, and changed the very way we work and live. We emerge from this challenge, however, strong, supported by our mutual engagement, and buoyed by our professional and personal friendships.

At our last Annual Meeting, I noted three elements of leadership: respect; understanding my expectations of you; and knowing what you can expect from me and from AIPLA.

First, I can only hope that I have shown you the respect that you deserve during this year, and that I have earned your respect by continuing to advance the goals of this Association and help it emerge from the pandemic stronger and more focused than before.

Second, we have worked hard to understand your needs as we face this challenging time. We have canvassed the membership repeatedly this year and gained valuable insights. Our goals continue to be to provide excellent, timely, high-quality, advanced CLE, provide you opportunities to engage and network with your colleagues and friends, and advocate effectively on behalf of our members. I have gained so much from this Association in my 40 years of involvement, and I encourage you to get involved and stay involved.

Third, I identified for you initiatives that you could expect for me during this past year. I can only hope I have met your expectations.

We have a diverse bar that is becoming more and more engaged every year. When I meet with other associations in the United States and throughout the world, I can tell you clearly that we have made substantial progress, but there is more work to be done. We must engage all individuals of our profession in our activities, and we must provide a welcoming, constructive, and supportive environment for all our peers. Only in this way can we represent the constituencies we serve.

We sought to gain a deeper appreciation of how your workflow has changed and how we can provide the necessary tools for you to succeed. We have one of the best compilations of IP source material in the world and are taking great strides to improve the searchability on the website.

At the September strategic planning retreat, the Board of Directors formulated what I believe to be a very effective strategic plan. Based on the insight you provided us; the Board has been working hard to identify ways that we can best serve our members. We will not simply return to the way things were. Rather, we will seize this opportunity to transform the Association and to focus our efforts on what we do best.

We have reengaged with our international colleagues.

And, we have continued the substantial advocacy efforts that have been the hallmark of this Association since its founding in 1897. We have filed amicus briefs and comment letters. The work of our committees has continued apace. Many of our committees have resumed regular meetings and programming. Your engagement is where the work of this Association happens. So again, thank you for your continued commitment.

Welcome to the Washington D.C. area. I am thrilled to celebrate 125 years of AIPLA with you, and wish you continued success for the future of your own practice as well as of our Association. Let us renew our relationships, reengage, and carry on with the important work that awaits us all.

Thank you.

Patrick J. Coyne
AIPLA President, 2021-2022
The Association’s priority is first to always serve its member. AIPLA does this by offering a variety of professional resources, networking opportunities, unparalleled CLE, industry news, legislative and policy advocacy, and opportunities that foster both personal and professional growth. We continue to stand for the ongoing development of professionals in the field and the advancement of intellectual property law.

**GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT**

Our Career Center is an excellent place to either connect with top talent or land your dream job. No matter what your personal and professional goals are, your AIPLA membership supplies the tools and resources you need to thrive and a Member Services team that is dedicated to helping you access them. Three posted jobs are always featured in Notes + News.

**INvolvement**

The best way to ensure you are maximizing your AIPLA membership is by joining one or more of our 55+ committees.

Participation in committee work exposes you to additional member benefits, provides leadership opportunities, and expands your professional network. For more information about AIPLA Committees, please visit our website. AIPLA’s powerful network of IP practitioners is what makes us unique. Our opportunities to bring people together and make valuable connections is one of the most valuable member benefits. Take advantage of our networking events, water cooler meetups, mentoring activities, stated meetings, and committees to develop valuable connections with potential partners, peers, and clients, and make new friends.

**RESOURCES**

AIPLA catalogues and maintains a host of electronic resources that members have full access to on-demand. Our Library of Session Materials is a comprehensive and robust resource that includes papers, transcripts, and slides on a vast array of substantive topics. We also maintain both a List of Arbitrators and Mediators, and a library of sample IP licensing agreements that members may reference as needed. AIPLA also maintains several additional publications, including Model Patent Jury Instructions and Model Patent Rules, and frequently distributes relevant press releases from the Association.

Visit our Member Center to learn more about all the resources available to AIPLA members.

**SOCIAL MEDIA**

AIPLA maintains a robust social media presence across LinkedIn, Facebook, and Twitter. Follow our accounts for regular updates on our programming, advocacy efforts, AIPLA initiatives, member achievements, and industry news. We continue to have the largest social media presence of any IP association and continue to adapt and broaden our online footprint. Be sure to follow us on Twitter at @aipla and find us on Facebook and LinkedIn. Reshare our content to help promote our efforts.

**VIRTUAL DESIGN DAY**

Again in 2022, we were proud to partner with the USPTO, IPO, and the Industrial Design Society to host our half-day Virtual Design Day Program. This program draws hundreds of design practitioners, and USPTO professionals together for intensive learning and updates.

**IP MARKETPLACE**

Last year, we launched IP Marketplace, a web-based solution providers’ directory of IP products and services. With just a few clicks, AIPLA members and other IP practitioners around the world can easily locate the latest and most innovative IP products and services to meet their business needs. Participating companies, products and services are organized by service category. Basic listings include a company name, address, and website, but additional options are available, including a corporate overview, contact email, logo, web link, data sheet, square tile ad, and banner ad. For more information about how to reserve your IP Marketplace listing, please contact Lisa Beller at 703-981-8440 or lbeller@aipla.org.

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**Did You Know!**

AIPLA members can:

• Acquire professional liability and cyber liability insurance at discounted rates

• Access a vast library of CLE presentations and materials at little or no charge
MONTHLY VIRTUAL WATER COOLERS

Last year, during the thick of the pandemic, AIPLA’s Committee on the Profession introduced monthly Virtual Water Coolers, to facilitate and foster social and collegial connection in lieu of being in the office. 2022 saw the continuation of this highly successful program. Every month, both members and nonmembers are invited to a casual meetup that allowed for catching up with old colleagues and friends and the opportunity to make new ones, all from the comfort of your home or office. If you haven’t yet joined in, consider this your invitation. Two important things to note, one needs to register in advance to attend, and it is BYOW (Bring Your Own Water!). More information can be found on the AIPLA Events Calendar.

CLE WEBINARS

As we continue to move forward with post-pandemic life, AIPLA wants to ensure that we continue offering high caliber virtual CLE programming. Multiple CLE accredited webinars were held every month to allow for enrichment and continuing education for all subdisciplines of practitioners. Topics ranged from artificial intelligence, trademark and free speech laws, ethical issues for remote practitioners, and patents abroad. In the past twelve months alone, AIPLA held 19 CLE webinars, featuring 90 minutes of CLE each, amounting to nearly 29 hours of CLE. And if you didn't need CLE, members can access these programs for free.

To view upcoming live webinars, please visit our website.

ONLINE LEARNING ACADEMY

The AIPLA Online Learning Academy laid the framework for the Association to continue compiling a robust catalogue of live and on-demand programming. These quality, IP-focused CLE and professional development webinars are sorted by practice area and topic and are a member-exclusive benefit. The online programs have been created for busy IP practitioners by leading industry experts to help practitioners stay up to date with trends and changes in the law. To access the Online Learning Academy, please visit our website.

BOOT CAMPS AND ROAD SHOWS

In 2022, AIPLA hosted a multitude of virtual boot camps, road shows, and other multi-day programs, including:

- Patent Prosecution Boot Camp (1260 minutes of CLE)
- Advanced Chemical Patent Practice Institute (460 minutes of CLE)
- Virtual Corporate Practice Institute (360 minutes of CLE)
- Electronic and Computer Patent Law Summit (360 minutes of CLE)

Additionally, AIPLA hosted our annual Mid-Winter and Spring Stated Meetings for a total of over 2000 minutes of CLE.

WORLD IP DAY

In 2022, we were still virtual, but were so pleased to host the Annual World IP Day Event with our partners, WIPO, the USPTO, the Chamber of Commerce Global Innovation Policy Center, IPO, INTA, ABA-IPL, and LES International. This annual international event is an opportunity to learn about the role that intellectual property rights play in encouraging innovation and creativity. The theme of this year’s celebration was “IP for a Better Future: Young Innovators.”
Advocacy

A longtime pillar of AIPLA, advocacy activities serve the membership by representing members’ interests in front of the U.S. judiciary system, elected officials on Capitol Hill, and U.S. government agencies, in addition to international agencies and organizations.

While AIPLA headquarters lead and execute on behalf of members, committees play a very active and vital role in the development of AIPLA’s policy agenda. For example, committees will call attention to potential legislative issues of importance. Initiatives like legislation tracking, amicus brief development, and developing position statements, each work toward maintaining a robust and well-balanced IP system and each deliver on, and enhance the value of your AIPLA membership.

Judicial Advocacy

Over the course of the last twelve months, AIPLA filed several amicus briefs.

**AIPLA Files Brief In Support of Neither Party Regarding Order Setting Schedule for Director Review**

August 5, 2022

On August 4, AIPLA filed an amicus brief in the two PTAB cases of OpenSky Industries, LLC, Patent Quality Assurance, LLC, and Intel Corporation v. VLSI Technology LLC, which USPTO Director Vidal has taken up to address what actions the USPTO Director should take when faced with assertions of an abuse of process or conduct that otherwise thwarts, as opposed to advances, the goals of the Office and/or the AIA. AIPLA’s brief argues that the review procedures implemented in these proceedings are adequate to address the rare instances of alleged abuse of process or alleged conduct contrary to the goals of the Office and/or the AIA.

**AIPLA Asks Supreme Court to Address the Role of Transformativeness in the Copyright Fair Use Analysis**

June 20, 2022

AIPLA files a brief in Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts v. Goldsmith, a case that addresses the role of transformativeness in the copyright fair use analysis.

**AIPLA Files Brief in Support of Petition for Certiorari in Jack Daniel’s Properties Inc. v. VIP Products LLC**

September 21, 2022

Arlington, VA. September 16, 2022,- The American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) filed an amicus brief in support of the Petition for Certiorari currently pending before the Supreme Court in Jack Daniel’s Properties Inc. v. VIP Products LLC, No. 22-148. The decision below, decided by the Ninth Circuit, involved the unauthorized use of trademarks and trade dress owned by Jack Daniel’s in connection with a dog toy product that purportedly parodied the Jack Daniel’s brand. Jack Daniel’s claimed that the dog toys infringed its rights under the Lanham Act. However, the Ninth Circuit held that the First Amendment protects all "humorous" or parodic uses of others’ trademarks regardless of the nature of the underlying product, becoming the first court to apply such protections outside of Lanham Act disputes involving artistic works.
Capitol Hill

AIPLA remained a fixture on Capitol Hill, continuing to advocate for effective and balanced intellectual property issues. We issued numerous letters to the Senate Judiciary Committee supporting nominations, including those of Kathi Vidal as Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the USPTO, and Judge Leonard P. Stark’s nomination of Circuit Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. In a joint letter to the House Appropriations Committee, AIPLA expressed concern regarding resources appropriated to the USPTO in FY 2022. The joint letter urged the House to pass a funding measure that reflects the intent of the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act. Additionally, AIPLA also weighed in on counterfeiting issues, including joining nine other entities in a letter to the House Committee on Ways and Means addressing enforcement of intellectual property rights at the border. AIPLA continued to express views to the Hill on a number of other issues, including patent subject matter eligibility and proposed changes to the PTAB.

Government Agencies

AIPLA continued to be a prominent voice with the USPTO, U.S. Copywrite Office, and other relevant courts and agencies. In the past 12 months, AIPLA submitted more than a dozen comment letters across the various agencies ranging from issues on a potential small claims patent court and its impacts, comments to the USPTO in response to the interim process for Director review, letters to the TTAB, for example on Final Pretrial Conference requirements, and to the Copyright Office on deferred examinations and proposed rulemaking related to practice procedures before the Copyright Small Claims Board. Additionally, AIPLA submitted comments to the European Patent Office (EPO) on their revised 2022 Guidelines for Examination. AIPLA joined with other organizations in expressing significant concerns about the WTO decision regarding the TRIPs waiver compromise. AIPLA also expressed concern regarding the Administration’s proposed Standards-Essential Patents (SEP) policy statement, which led to the withdrawal of the 2019 statement.
International Committee Global Collaboration

In June 2022, AIPLA’s IP Practice in Israel Committee held its fifth delegation trip, visiting the Israeli Supreme Court, the Israeli Ministry of Justice, the Israeli Patent Office, the Israeli Innovation Authority, the U.S. Embassy’s Tel Aviv Branch, among other places. The committee was pleased to host members of the Executive Committee: Patrick Coyne and Ann Mueting.

In June 2022, AIPLA’s IP Practice in Europe Committee hosted a 10-day trip, visiting Italy, Germany, France, and the UK. The delegation consisted of 26 members who met with 12 national IP associations and 7 official IP institutes, amounting to several hundred individual and in-person connections. The 2022 IP Practice in Europe Committee Delegation trip raised the profile of AIPLA and strengthened the relationship of AIPLA with the organizations, judges, and officials across Europe. The committee was pleased to host three members of the Executive Committee: Patrick Coyne, Brian Batzli, and Ann Mueting.

In June 2022, a joint meeting was held between the Privacy & Data Security Committee, IP Practice in China Committee, and International and Foreign Law Committee on New Personal Information Protection Regime in China.

In August 2022, the IP Practice in Latin America Committee hosted a delegation trip to Mexico, where in partnership with the Women in IP Committee, held a working breakfast focusing on Mexican women inventors in the IP industry. The delegation also met with various government officials, including the heads of the Patent Office and the Copyright Office. The committee was pleased to host two members of the Executive Committee: Patrick Coyne and Brian Batzli, and AIPLA Executive Director Vince Garlock.

The IP Practice in the Far East held four joint webinars this past year: In March with the Association of Singapore Patent Attorneys, in April with the Taiwanese Patent Attorney Association, in June with the Korean Patent Attorney Association, and in September with the Vietnamese IP Association.

The IP Practice in Japan continued its ongoing tradition of connecting with colleagues in Japan, hosting a series of programs throughout the year, the latest one on October 6.

AIPLA continued its efforts related to international harmonization by participating with colleagues in discussions with the IPS, Trilateral, B+ Offices, IDS, and TMS activities.

AIPPI-US

The AIPPI-U.S., was originally founded as a non-profit organization in 1930 and has approximately 300 members. In October 2012, AIPLA acquired the AIPPI-US group. Membership in AIPPI-US automatically includes membership in AIPPI. The United States has one of the largest representations on the International Executive Committee of AIPPI. In 2022, both AIPLA and AIPPI celebrate 125 years of exceptional service to the IP community.
Awards

AIPLA is proud to honor the following 2021-2022 award recipients:

**AIPLA Excellence Award**

Presented to
The Honorable Sharon Prost
Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

**President’s Outstanding Service Award**

Presented to
Jerry R. Selinger
Patterson & Sheridan LLP, Dallas, TX

**AIPLA Project Award**

For The Monthly Water Cooler Program

Presented to
Jeffrey I.D. Lewis
Foley Hoag LLP, New York, NY

J. Timothy Meigs
AgBiome, Inc. Research Triangle Park, NC
Awards

Robert C. Watson Award
Presented to
Mary T. Hannon
DePaul University School of Law For the paper titled “The Patent Gender Gap: Expanding the Eligibility Requirements to Foster Inclusion and Innovation in the US Patent System,” Sidley Austin LLP, Chicago, IL

Jan Jancin Award
Presented to
Alicia Lai
University of Pennsylvania Law School, Washington, D.C.

AIPLA Past President’s Award
Presented to
Ernest Fok
Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, San Mateo, CA

Coordinator of the Year
Presented to
Kristin Cleveland
Klarquist Sparkman, LLP, Portland, OR

Committee of the Year Award
Presented to
The Diversity in Law Committee
Angela Grayson, Committee Chair
Precipice IP, PLLC, Ridgeland, MS
Publications

**AIPLA Report of the Economic Survey**

The biennial Report of the Economic Survey is one of the premier and most sought-after publications of the Association. The Economic Survey’s results are often cited in judicial opinions, analyzed by research firms, and used by law firms and policy makers. Current AIPLA members can access the Report online via their member portal.

**AIPLA Quarterly Journal**

The AIPLA Quarterly Journal is a scholarly publication of the American Intellectual Property Law Association, produced through a collaboration with the George Washington University Law School. Celebrating its 50th year of publication, the Quarterly Journal is dedicated to presenting materials relating to intellectual property matters and is published four times a year.

Recent editions have included articles such as “#BlackLivesMatter: A Hashtag, a Rallying Cry, a Social Movement, a Global Network but not a Trademark: An Analysis of Trademark Protection for the Well-Turned Phrase of a Social Movement (Slogans, Taglines, Mottoes, and Hashtags),” “MuSIC: A Levy System to Support Struggling Musical Artists,” “The Ugly Side of Beauty: Outdated Regulations Controlling the Growing and Evolving E-Commerce Counterfeit Cosmetics Market,” and “Safe Harbor for Reverse Payment Agreement: Adopting Regulations to Help Parties to Settle Without Antitrust Concerns.”

**AIPLA Direct**

AIPLA Direct is an exclusive online information service that delivers substantive and concise updates and analyses on cases, rulemaking, legislation, and industry developments. An example of an AIPLA Direct published this year was in response to the Supreme Court’s ruling in *Unicolors, Inc. v. H&M Hennes and Mauritz, LP.*

**AIPLA eBulletin**

The eBulletin is a digital publication that follows each of AIPLA’s three stated meetings and provides an update from the President, a recap of events and sessions, and a platform for committees to share their projects and accomplishments with members.

**INNOVATE Magazine**

INNOVATE is the online magazine by and for AIPLA members, from IP law students to retired practitioners. Designed as an online publication, INNOVATE features magazine-like articles on a wide variety of topics in IP law.

Publishing an article to INNOVATE is a great way for AIPLA members to build their brand by increasing recognition among peers and setting themselves apart as thought leaders in the IP industry. Any current AIPLA member in good standing may submit an article for consideration in INNOVATE throughout the year. Recent articles have included “How to Invalidate a Patent in Ukraine – a Quick Guide,” “Strategies in Response to Patent Eligibility Requirements for Computer Software Patents in the United States, Taiwan, Japan, China, and Europe,” “Entering the National Phase of Patent Applications in India under the Patent Cooperation Treaty,” and “Should a PHOSITA be defined by the specification or by the claims?” All AIPLA members, but especially law students, are strongly encouraged to submit articles by emailing innovate@aipla.org.

**AIPLA Newsstand**

Our partnership with Lexology, a division of Globe Business Media Group, helps AIPLA share daily developments in IP. The AIPLA Newsstand arrives daily, but members can opt to receive Lexology as frequently as they would like, and can filter stories based on their interest in a particular area of IP or region of the world.

**And More**

Additionally, AIPLA stays on top of breaking news with our rapid response press releases, both sent to reporters as well as posted on our website.

AIPLA members can look forward to our bimonthly Notes + News, a newsletter released every other Tuesday featuring committee news, AIPLA news, a roundup of upcoming events, featured jobs in our career center, and more. Committees are encouraged to submit news they would like featured in Notes + News.
2022 Financials

Total Revenue: $4,645,756
- Meetings & Events: 41%
- Membership Dues: 44%
- Advertising & Royalties: 8%
- Investment Income: 6%
- Publication Revenue: 1%

Total Expense: $4,274,748
- Membership Services: 36%
- Meetings & Events: 28%
- General & Administrative: 28%
- Publications: 4%
This year marks 125 years of AIPLA’s service to the IP community! We marked this anniversary in multiple ways throughout the year. Thanks to the help of our 125th Anniversary Committee and Foley Hoag LLP’s generous sponsorship, we highlighted 125 AIPLA members. These members not only demonstrated the diversity of the organization, but also spoke to the importance of AIPLA in practitioners’ personal and professional development. These spotlights were featured on social media using the hashtag #aipla125MemberSpotlight. Check out a few featured spotlights below.

We kicked off the year celebrating 125 years with a cocktail reception at the 2022 Mid-Winter Institute in Palm Springs.

The 2022 Annual Meeting’s gala will be a celebration of 125 years of AIPLA, allowing us to honor the past, present and future of the organization, and recognize our many accomplishments. The gala is proud to host Grammy award winning band Blues Traveler to help mark this occasion.

Our Friday morning plenary at the Annual Meeting, moderated by AIPLA Executive Director Vince Garlock, will feature former USPTO Director David Kappos, Former AIPLA President Mel Garner, and Former Deputy Executive Director of AIPLA Jim Crowne, who will look back on AIPLA’s past and anticipate all that’s to come.
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