

Intellectual Property Week 1 Assignments

Wed. Aug. 20

Today we will discuss the leading justifications for intellectual property protection and take a big picture look at the field and its major bodies of law.

In preparation for that class, you should read pages 1-37 in volume I of our casebook: Lemley, Menell & Merges, Intellectual Property in the New Technological Age: 2025. If you don't have the book yet, the first two chapters are available at https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=5344140

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For today's class, start by reading pp. 41-80 in your casebook to learn about what types of information are protected by trade secret law. Prepare to discuss the cases (Mallet and Rockwell Graphic Systems) and problem II-6 on pp. 72, which involves the question of trade secret protection for a cocktail recipe.

Next, read pp. 80-101 on misappropriation of trade secrets.

Prepare to discuss the cases (E.I. du Pont, Smith, and Kadant) and problem II-14 on p. 100-01.