

**AIPLA**

American Intellectual Property Law Association

Serving America's Legal and Creative Community

*INTRODUCTION TO THE  
AMERICAN INTELLECTUAL  
PROPERTY LAW ASSOCIATION  
(AIPLA)*

# Overview of Organization

- Over 100 years old
- Voluntary bar association
- U.S. and foreign lawyers (in-house, private practice, government, academia), U.S. and foreign patent and trademark agents, USPTO professionals, judges, law students
- 15,000 members
- Headquarters in Arlington, Virginia (D.C. area)
- Paid staff of 25
- Board of Directors (7 Officers, 12 Board members)

## Activities of AIPLA

Three stated meetings each year

- Annual Meeting – Washington, DC, October 25-27, 2012
- Mid-Winter Institute – Tampa, FL, Jan. 30 - Feb. 2, 2013
- Spring Meeting – Seattle, WA, May 15 - 17, 2013

Over 50 committees

## Activities of AIPLA

### Advocacy

Legislative lobbying – e.g. America Invents Act (“AIA”)



## Advocacy

### Amicus Briefs

- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- Other Courts

### Comments

- USPTO
- U.S. Copyright Office
- Other agencies



## Advocacy

### International/Foreign Government Agencies

- WIPO
- Foreign legislatures
- Foreign patent/trademark/copyright offices



## Activities of AIPLA

### Education

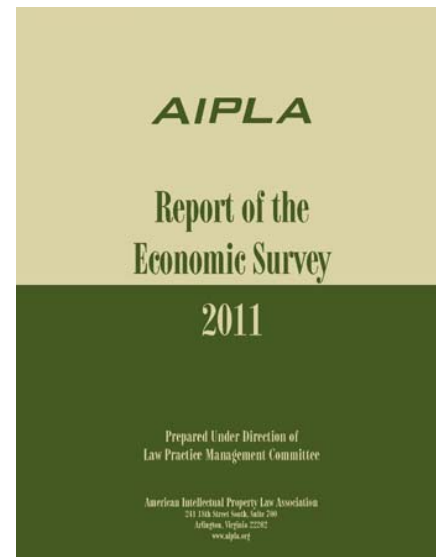
- Top notch continuing legal education programs at meetings
- On-line programs (e.g. series of programs on AIA)
- International Education Committee Programs
- Rapid Response Team
- Public education (e.g. Creativity in Bloom, [www.creativityinbloom.org](http://www.creativityinbloom.org))



## Activities of AIPLA

### Other Member Services

- Interactive website ([www.aipla.org](http://www.aipla.org))
- AIPLA Bulletin, AIPLA Quarterly Journal, AIPLA Direct, AIPLA Newsstand (daily emails powered by Lexology), AIPLA Economic Survey (bi-annual report), CDs, podcasts, webcasts of programs
- Networking/mentoring
- Leadership opportunities
- Sponsorship opportunities





# International Outreach

- International Committees
- Industry Trilateral, Industry IP5, TM5 User Group
- Recognized NGO at WIPO meetings
- Joint programs with sister organizations (FICPI, AIPPI, National IP Associations, etc.)
- Global Network of National IP Practitioner Associations (next meeting in Seoul, Oct. 2012)
- U.S. Bar Liaison Councils with EPO, JPO, SIPO

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*Thank you!*

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