



## INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY CERTIFICATION COURSE SCHOLARSHIP

The Intellectual Property Law Section of the Idaho State Bar is pleased to offer scholarships to members of the Section to enable its members to pursue certifications (or other higher-level learning opportunities) to elevate their skills for the practice of intellectual property law in Idaho when, without the Section's financial assistance, pursuit of those certifications (or opportunities) would be a financial hardship to the members.

### **Scholarship Award(s)**

The Intellectual Property Certification Course Scholarship(s) will be awarded from a scholarship pool to one or more eligible applicants who meet the Selection Criteria listed below, as determined by a committee of the Idaho State Bar's Intellectual Property Law Section. The scholarship pool funds will be made available beginning in the Fall of 2017. The initial scholarship pool will be \$1,000.00, from which individual scholarships up to and not exceeding \$500 per individual recipient will be awarded to reimburse the award recipient for eligible expenses already personally incurred by the recipient.

### **Applicant Eligibility**

Members of the Intellectual Property Law Section are eligible to apply for the scholarship awards. Both voting-eligible and non-voting-eligible members of the Section are eligible to apply for the scholarship awards. Therefore, members at the standard membership dues level (*i.e.*, \$40 for attorneys admitted to the Idaho State Bar and for registered patent agents), the discounted membership dues level (*i.e.*, \$20 for law professors and judicial law clerks), or the free dues level (*i.e.*, free membership for law students) are eligible to apply for the scholarship awards. A successful applicant must also be a Section member in good standing at the time the scholarship award is distributed to him or her.

### **Expense Eligibility**

Scholarship amounts awarded shall be applied only as reimbursement for the following categories of expenses where such expenses would otherwise be personally incurred by the scholarship recipient without reimbursement from another source (*e.g.*, an employer, another organization):

- Course registration fees (*e.g.*, patent bar study course registration fees, certified licensing professional (CLP) exam review course fees, continuing legal education registration fees);
- Course material fees (*e.g.*, patent bar study guides); and
- Certification application and examination fees (*e.g.*, patent bar application and examination fees; CLE application and exam fees).

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### **Selection Criteria**

The Scholarship recipient(s) will be selected by a committee of the Intellectual Property Law Section based on the following criteria:

- Need for financial assistance for the expenses in question
- Commitment to apply the knowledge to be learned from the certification or other higher-level learning opportunity in the practice or furtherance of intellectual property law (*e.g.*, patent, copyright, trademark, unfair competition, trade secret, and licensing) in Idaho
- Willingness to share the knowledge gained with the Section's membership by way of a continuing legal education (CLE) presentation
- Willingness to contribute to the scholarship pool in the future

Because the funds in the scholarship pool are limited, the committee, in determining whether and how much to award a successful applicant, will also give consideration to the amount of funds available in the pool, the amount of the requested financial assistance, and the present or expected future interest from other Section members toward applying for financial assistance from the pool.

### **Application Materials**

Applicants are to submit the following for consideration:

- Statement (limit of two pages) explaining:
  - the certification or other higher-level learning opportunity pursued and how it is expected to elevate the applicant's ability to improve his or her practice of intellectual property law in Idaho;
  - the award amount requested; and
  - how the applicant and expenses otherwise meet the eligibility and selection criteria.
- Documentation evidencing the expenses incurred; and
- Certification statement that the requested award amount is for eligible expenses personally incurred by the applicant without opportunity for reimbursement from or payment by another source (*e.g.*, employer, another organization).

### **Submitting Application**

Application materials are to be transmitted together via e-mail to the Chair of the IP Law Section who will then distribute the application materials to the scholarship committee members. The submission email shall include "Intellectual Property Certification Course Scholarship" in the subject line and body of the email.

### **About the Intellectual Property Law Section**

The Intellectual Property Law Section of the Idaho State Bar was founded in 1994 to enhance the skills of its members and to serve the interest of the public concerning the field of intellectual property. There are over 90 members of the Intellectual Property Law Section, and membership is open to any member of the Idaho State Bar in good standing, any Registered Patent Agent in good standing, and any law student, law professor, or judicial clerk.

For additional information, please contact an officer of the Intellectual Property Law Section.