



Application for Summer Staff Editors

Due: **April 22, 2016 at 5:00 PM**
in the *TIPLJ* Mailbox in the Atrium Communications Center
or in the *TIPLJ* Office (TNH Room 4.134B)

Opportunity for Membership

The *Texas Intellectual Property Law Journal (TIPLJ)* is offering interested 1L and 2L students the opportunity to avoid the write-on application process by joining *TIPLJ* as a Summer Staff Editor. Summer Staff Editors are responsible for helping in all aspects of the editing and publishing process, performing special projects related to the *Journal* and IP Law at UT, and assisting in planning speaker series, social events, and the Annual Intellectual Property Law Symposium. For those students interested in writing onto the *Journal*, *TIPLJ* will still participate in the traditional write-on process at the conclusion of finals.

Some of you may be considering other journals who only allow membership through the May write-on application process. If you are at all interested in *TIPLJ*, we encourage you to apply now regardless of other journals you may be interested in because it is more difficult to be accepted through the write-on process. Plus, you gain valuable editing skills by working over the summer, and those who join the summer staff and complete the requirements become eligible for appointment to the *TIPLJ* Editorial Board at the end of the summer. If you are accepted to another journal through the write-on process, you may at that time choose to participate on multiple journals or select the one that is the best fit.

Completing this application is not a commitment to TIPLJ. You may apply without repercussion to other journals during our evaluation process.

Requirements of Summer Staff Editors

TIPLJ Summer Staff Editor applicants must be in good academic standing and must be either a 2L or a 3L at the University of Texas School of Law during the 2016-17 academic year. Applicants will be expected to complete a minimum of 30 hours of *Journal* work during the course of the summer, which includes required assignments and elective assignments. Required assignments will be primarily editing and cite checking. Additional hours can be earned through the completion of various elective assignments, including submissions evaluation, event planning, training, office work, and other special projects. Both required assignments and elective assignments can be performed remotely. The performance—quality of work—of all Summer Staff Editors will be evaluated at the end of the summer for the purpose of determining *TIPLJ* Staff Editor positions for the following academic year. Exceptional Summer Staff Editors may also be considered for any available Editorial Board positions.

Who Are We?

TIPLJ is the leading intellectual property law journal at a premier IP law school, officially sponsored by the IP Section of the State Bar of Texas. *TIPLJ* publishes three issues per year and has the largest subscription base of all law journals published through UT. We strive to be the forum of choice for intellectual property law practitioners, professors, and students around the globe. Our primary focus centers on providing significant and innovative contributions to U.S. and international intellectual property law. *TIPLJ* is nationally recognized—consistently ranking in the top twenty of student-edited intellectual property law journals. Additionally, *TIPLJ* ranks seventh among intellectual property law journals for the number of cases that cite *TIPLJ* articles. This recognition of *TIPLJ* as a high quality legal publication is a direct result of the hard work of its student members, who are vital to the *Journal's* continued success.

Articles appearing in the *Journal* focus on cutting edge, substantive legal issues and recent developments of interest to our practitioner and academic subscribers in the areas of Patent, Copyright, Trademark, Unfair Competition, and Trade Secret law, as well as other areas of law in the context of IP (e.g., constitutional, contracts, antitrust, criminal, torts, international, M&A, corporate, administrative law). *TIPLJ* also publishes articles concerning issues arising in IP litigation and practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, state, and federal courts. Articles submitted for publication in the *Journal* are written by academicians, practitioners, and students from around the world. In addition to its publication duties, *TIPLJ* also organizes and hosts an annual IP symposium on the UT campus where notable IP scholars, practitioners, judges, and students gather to discuss a wide variety of practical and theoretical IP-related legal issues.

Benefits and Opportunities of TIPLJ Membership

- Largest subscription base of all journals published through UT
- No note requirement (although writing and publishing a note is strongly encouraged)
- Flexible editing schedule (no office hours required, cite check on your own time)
- Class outline bank provided by current and former students—available only to *TIPLJ* staff
- Alumni database of former/current interns at various firms to help with your career path
- Rewards for high quality work on the *Journal*
- Numerous networking opportunities with IP practitioners
- Very approachable 2Ls and 3Ls to discuss IP careers/classes
- Place to hang out between classes
- Refrigerator/microwave and place to eat with people having similar interests
- End-of-year awards for the best editors
- Free admission for students to attend the annual IP symposium
- End-of-year banquet
- Learn to edit using *Bluebook*, the legal standard (not *ALWD*)
- A free breakfast and lunch each week
- Free coffee and soft drinks everyday

Summer Staff Editor Application Components

All components are mandatory, even if you do not have a response to a particular question (you should indicate that you do not wish to or have a response for a question). It is your responsibility to submit a complete application. Please submit the following information in a single application packet **by 5:00 PM on April 22th**:

I. A typed Cover Page containing your:

Full Name	Preferred Name	Email Address
Graduation Year	Section Number (1Ls)	UTEID
Local Address	Local Phone	Cell Phone Number
Summer Address(es)	Summer Phone Number(es)	

II. A copy of your Resume or C.V.

III. A small sample (3-6 pages max) of your law school writing. It can be from a small section course, memo, brief, etc.; it does not have to be a complete document. (Your 1L memo will suffice)

IV. A brief response to each of the following questions. **Please limit** your total response to these questions **to two typed pages (double-spaced) maximum**. Honesty is the best policy – if you do not have certain skills or interests then please so indicate.

1. What experience or interest do you have in the area of Intellectual Property, including activities in and outside of law school?
2. What is your experience with computers beyond normal school use (i.e., word processing, internet, WESTLAW, and LEXUS NEXIS)?
3. What relevant experience and/or special skills do you have that would be of particular interest to the Journal (event planning, fundraising, publishing, editing, writing, etc.)?
4. What are your anticipated plans for the summer (please include the dates and the city/cities where you anticipate living)?
5. If not listed on your resume, what other law school activities are you involved in or plan to be involved in this coming academic year? (moot court, mock trial, study abroad, etc.)

Your application will remain the confidential property of *TIPLJ*. **It will not be returned.**

What Happens Next?

After receiving your application, the Board will evaluate your entire application. We may contact you regarding questions, but most likely we will evaluate the application alone.

Acceptances will be e-mailed to the address you provide on a rolling basis until **April 22th**.

Information on how to accept *TIPLJ* membership will be provided.

If you have questions or concerns, stop by TNH 4.134B or email eic@tiplj.org.

Thank you for your consideration. Best wishes and good luck.