

(21) The Intellectual Property & Technology Section of the Hawaii State Bar Association

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**Application for "At-Large Structure" (ALS) Designation
The Intellectual Property & Technology Section of the Hawaii State Bar Association**

Contact Information

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Description

1. **Is your organization constituted so that participation by individual Internet users who are citizens or residents of countries within the Geographic Region in which your organization is based will predominate in your organization's operation?**
Yes – The vast majority of the members of the IP& T Section are residents of the State of Hawaii, United States of America. A few are resident in the mainland U.S. and a few are residents in other countries of the Asia Pacific Region. Many of our members have special interests and expertise in Internet use, technology, law and E-commerce.
2. **Describe your organization's constituents/membership (number, citizenship/location, defining characteristic - e.g. profession for professional societies):**
The IP&T Section comprises attorneys registered to practice law in the State of Hawaii, United States of America, who have expressed a special interest in intellectual property and technology law, including Internet law and E-commerce, and who have elected to join the IP&T Section. Currently, there are approximately 105 members, the great majority of which are citizens and residents of the United States and the State of Hawaii.
3. **Explain the eligibility requirements (if any) for your organization's constituents/membership (if you provide a written application for admission as a member, you may attach a copy):**
All members of the IP&T Section must first be members of the Hawaii State Bar Association. Members of the Hawaii State Bar Association must be licensed to practice law in the State of Hawaii. The license is granted to those who have graduated from an accredited law school and have passed a 2-day examination and a background and character check. Any member of the Hawaii State Bar Association who so elects is eligible to join the IP& T Section upon payment of a very modest membership fee.
4. **In what language/s does your organization conduct its business?**
English.
5. **Provide support for the statement that your organization is self-supporting (by answering "yes" you confirm that it will not rely on ICANN for funding):**
Yes. The IP&T Section is self-supporting and is funded by its members' yearly membership fee. The Section has a budget and a yearly audit of Section funds. Certain activity participation fees are paid by its the members directly.

6. **Describe your organization's structure (e.g. governing and decision-making bodies and processes):**
The IP&T Section is a section of the Hawaii State Bar Association. The IP&T Section is directly governed by a set of written bylaws that were reviewed and approved by the Hawaii State Bar Association. The Hawaii State Bar Association is a non-profit corporation created and existing under the laws of the State of Hawaii. The Hawaii State Bar Association is governed by a set of written articles and bylaws and must conform itself to the requirements of federal and state laws concerning non-profit corporations.

The day to day management and operation of the IP&T Section is carried out by its directors, most of whom are also officers: the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and At-Large Directors. In accordance with the Section's bylaws, the officers and directors are elected by the general Section membership every two years.

7. **Does your organization commit to supporting its individual constituents/membership's informed participation in ICANN?**
Yes.
8. **Describe how your organization keeps its constituents/membership informed about, and enables them to participate in, decisions regarding issues of interest:**
The IP&T Section membership meets every 4 to 12 weeks to discuss topics concerning intellectual property and technology law. Members are encouraged to participate in the meetings by speaking, distributing materials, providing questions, comments and suggestions, regarding any topic within the purview of the Section's mission. Members are also encouraged to submit articles for publication on the Section's website located at <http://www.hiip.org/html/index.php>, in Bar Association publications, and to introduce guest speakers for meeting presentations.
9. **Does your organization post on the Internet publicly-accessible, current information about your organization's goals, structure, description of constituent group(s)/membership, working mechanisms, leadership, and contact(s) (if this information currently is available, provide URLs)?**
Yes. See <http://www.hiip.org/html/index.php>
10. **Provide information on your organization's leadership (leaders' names, positions, emails):**

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Objectives

1. **What is your organization's primary goal or mission (please attach any mission or policy statement for your organization, if in writing, or provide a URL, if posted):**
The Section's purpose, as recited in the Section bylaws, is "to serve and promote the interest of the general public, the judiciary, the [Hawaii State Bar] Association and its members within the fields of science, technology and intellectual property, through activities to include study, sharing of information, ideas and opinions; sponsoring conferences; publishing newsletters and proceedings; giving testimony before legislative bodies; coordinating with national and state bar sections and with intellectual property attorneys from other states and countries, and particularly those from Asia and the Pacific Basin; and working with government, private inventors groups, and representatives of the entertainment and hi-tech industries to establish and promote intellectual property research libraries and other relevant facilities within the State of Hawaii."

Stated less formally, the Section's goal or mission can be described as to provide its members with a collegial forum in which to discuss intellectual property and technology law issues and to assist its members

to form and maintain professional relationships and up to date information concerning the rapidly changing world of intellectual property, high technology and Internet law.

2. **What ICANN-related issues currently are of interest to your organization's constituents/membership:**
Cybersquatting and Dispute Resolution, Accessibility of Whois Database Information, Internationalized Domain Names, New TLDS, and ICANN governances.
3. **If formed, will your organization commit to assisting the Regional At-Large Organization (RALO) for the region in which your organization is based in performing its function?**
Yes.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawaii, USA, 23 June 2004.

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Signature

Seth M. Reiss
Its: Chairperson

Step VII - Certified as At-Large Structure