

Peculiarities of Teaching Intellectual Property Law Disciplines in Ukraine on the Basis of Kyiv University of Law of NASU



In modern economic and social relations, in the process of material goods production implementing production innovative means, improving the existing production process and employing advanced technologies are becoming more and more important.



Realization of all the above mentioned becomes possible due to active implementation of intellectual property results in all social life spheres. Thanks to this, intellectual property objects acquire vital economic importance, become enrichment means. The process attracts attention to intellectual property objects as non-material goods of valuable content.

Higher legal education is involved into the trend. Modern, outstanding educational establishments, particularly those caring of the students' future employment, students' qualification in accordance with employers' demands, have timely responded to the current challenges, introducing the disciplines aimed at enhanced studying intellectual property.





Kyiv University of Law was one of the first establishments to create the centre of intellectual property enhanced studies and its topical issues research on the basis of a separate structural department.







So, in 1997 at the civil and labor law department there was established the intellectual property law sector, headed by the rector, a leading researcher in the sphere, professor Y.Boshytskyi. The sector practical activity was focused on uniting profound scientists, practitioners, students and postgraduate students, interested in researching the intellectual property issues and perspectives.

The sector work included round tables, master classes, presentations, scientific discussions. In general, this activity has been expanding and deepening at the university.





Unification of the Ukrainian legislation with the international one has become a new phase of the intellectual property legislation development in Ukraine, causing numerous scientific and practical problems. Scientific interest for the intellectual property relations development has resulted in the research activation at the university.





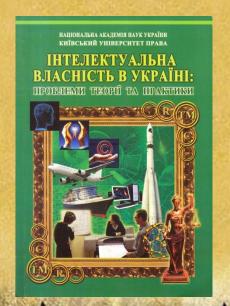
Nowadays within the university structure the intellectual property and innovative technologies department headed by the university rector functions, teaching such subjects as Intellectual Property Law, Topical Issues of Intellectual Property Legal Protection, Contracts in Intellectual Property Law.





Constant improvement of the training process demands the highest level specialists, who may be trained by the fourth accreditation level educational establishment in Ukraine, namely, masters. For this purpose in 2014 the university successfully licensed Intellectual property specialty masters training.

Education in the sphere of intellectual property cannot be restricted to teaching subjects to students, scientific research being its integral part. Annually Kyiv University of Law holds the scientific practical conference entitled Intellectual Property in Ukraine: Theoretical and Practical Issues, its materials published in the edited volume. Personal scientific research outcomes are revealed in monographs by the university rector, post-graduates and teachers: Employee Invention Legal Regulation: Theoretical and Practical Issues, Art Works Legal Protection, Inventions and Utility Models Legal Protection in Ukraine: Theoretical and Practical Issues.











Guided by the teachers, students are involved into intellectual property research, preparing articles and scientific reports, for them to be published at the university Chasopys – a university legal periodical – there has been created a separate section, dedicated to intellectual property law issues.

Thanks to such a scientific and research activity the university has managed to establish a scientific and training intellectual property centre, attracting outstanding national and foreign scientists, becoming regular university guests, conducting master classes for students, sharing their experience, jointly seeking solutions to topical scientific issues of intellectual property.







Having estimated the university leading role in developing education in the sphere of intellectual property, the World Intellectual Property Organization has created a depository on the basis of the university library within the WIPO Publications Depository Library Program, enabling students and teachers to have access to information on intellectual property, WIPO activity and services in WIPO member states. The university is the only Ukrainian educational and scientific establishment possessing such a depository, thanks to which we are able to obtain the latest legal and scientific literature in English from the WIPO.





The university is proud of its postgraduates – applicants for the scientific degree of the Candidate of legal sciences on intellectual property issues, having successfully defended their theses, particularly on contract relations in the sphere of industrial property, broadcasting organizations legal status, comparing legal protection of goods, services and industrial models trademarks under the legislation of Poland and Ukraine, art works proprietary protection. As intellectual property is a new legal education direction, teaching appropriate subjects involves introduction of advanced approaches and models. Intellectual property training process realization is impossible without modern educational technologies, including control system development and students encouragement, constant employment of the latest and efficient educational means, data basis expansion, students' access to the Internet as an information source, constant improvement of students' independent work control, a wide usage of computers and information technologies, electronic library creation and its fund enlargement, introduction of educational work new forms and methods for the student youth, its physical development and rehabilitation.



Guided by the rector, Y.Boshytskyi, the university conducts a multi-vector activity, targeted to developing education in the intellectual property sphere for the obtained knowledge to make the basis of the university graduates' future national and international successful practical activity in the intellectual property protection.