

# Intellectual Property Research Guide

## Overview

This research guide includes information and resources on intellectual property. This guide covers a wide range of intellectual property topics, including copyright, patents, trademarks, and trade secrets. The resources listed below are not exhaustive and may not include the most up-to-date information. It is for information purposes only and should not be construed as legal advice or act as the substitute for legal counsel.

## Statutes and Codes

Texas Statutes Online [www.statutes.capitol.texas.gov](http://www.statutes.capitol.texas.gov)

United States Code (USC)

- Title 17 Copyright Law of the United States  
<https://www.copyright.gov/title17/>

Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)

- Title 37 Patents, Trademarks, and Copyrights  
<https://www.copyright.gov/title37/>

Business and Commerce Code

- Ch. 16 Trademarks  
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/BC/htm/BC.16.htm>

## Secondary Resources in Print

**Patent, Copyright & Trademark: An Intellectual Property Desk Reference** KF 2980 .E45

**The Copyright Handbook: What Every Writer Needs to Know** KF 2995 .F53

**Getting Permission: Using & Licensing Copyright-Protected Materials Online & Off** KF 3024 .C6 S85  
**Texas Practice Series REF KFT 1280 .T4**

- Vol. 15, Ch. 18 Foreclosure of Intellectual Property

**NOLO's Patents for Beginners** KF 3114.6 .P748

**Patent It Yourself: Your Step-by-Step Guide to Filing at the U.S. Patent Office** KF 3114.85 .P74

**How to Make Patent Drawings: Save Thousands of Dollars and Do It With a Camera and Computer!** KF 3120 .U3 L64

**Patent Pending in 24 Hours: Prepare your provisional patent application quickly and easily** KF 3120 .Z9 S75

**Music Law: How to Run Your Band's Business** KF 2933 .M8 S87

- Ch. 7 Copyright and Song Ownership
- Ch. 9 Band Names (Trademark)

**Patent Searching Made Easy: How to do Patent Searches Online and in the Library** KF 3120 .H58

**Profit From Your Idea: How to Make Licensing Deals** KF 3145 .S75

**Trademark: Legal Care for Your Business and Product Name** KF 3180 .Z9 E4

**NOLO's Encyclopedia of Everyday Law: Answers to Your Most Frequently Asked Legal Questions** KF 387 .N646

- Ch. 6 Patents
- Ch. 7 Copyrights
- Ch. 8 Trademarks

**Texas Business Litigation** REF KFT 1410 .T49

- Ch. 14 Intellectual Property and Trade Secrets Litigation §14-4 Trademark Litigation

## CLE Materials

### Advanced Trademark Workshop KF 3180 .A2 A38

### Advanced Intellectual Property Law KFT 1530 .A7557

- 2022 Ch. 3 Protecting Intellectual Property Rights Through International Arbitration
- 2018 Ch. 2 Trademark Update
- 2016 Ch. 4 Trial and Appeal Board Mock Trial

### Intellectual Property Law Workshop Trademarks in IP KFT1530 .A75S7

- 2021 Ch. 4 Trademarks v. Trade Names

### Essentials of Business Law KFT 1405 .A7S7

- 2021 Ch. 12 Intellectual Property Basics for Business Lawyers

## Online Resources

Trademarks (Secretary of State)

<https://www.sos.state.tx.us/corp/trademark.shtml>

Trademark, Patent, or Copyright - U.S. Patents and Trademark Office (USPTO)

<https://www.uspto.gov/trademarks/basics/trademark-patent-copyright>

U.S. Copyright Office

<https://www.copyright.gov/>

Protecting Your Ideas: An Overview of Intellectual Property Law (Texas State Bar)

[https://www.texasbar.com/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Our\\_Legal\\_System1&Template=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=23467](https://www.texasbar.com/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Our_Legal_System1&Template=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=23467)

Texas Intellectual Property Law Journal (UT Austin)

<https://tiplj.org/issues/>

5 Steps to Protect Your Intellectual Property (Texas CEO Magazine) <https://texasceomagazine.com/5-steps-to-protect-your-intellectual-property/>

Intellectual Property Enforcement (US Department of State) <https://www.state.gov/intellectual-property-enforcement/>

Intellectual Property Rights Information & Assistance (StopFakes.gov) <https://www.stopfakes.gov>

Trademark Information Network (USPTO)

<https://www.uspto.gov/trademarks/basics/trademark-information-network>

## Legal Assistance

**Legal Lines – Ask Attorneys simple legal questions (free service)**

- Tarrant County LegalLine Sign-up

<https://www.tarrantbar.org/>

- Dallas County LegalLine Sign-up

<https://www.dallasbar.org/index.cfm?pg=legalline>

**Tarrant County Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service: 817-336-4101 (\$20 for the first 30 minutes)**