On behalf of the Foundation for Advancement of Diversity in IP Law (FADIPL), the Intellectual Property Law Section of the American Bar Association (ABA-IPL), the American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA), and the Past Presidents of AIPLA, we are pleased to invite your institution to nominate a law student who is a member of an underrepresented racial or ethnic group and who has excelled in the study of intellectual property law.

The Jan Jancin Award is a merit-based award that honors Jan Jancin, who served with extraordinary distinction in numerous IP bar leadership roles throughout his career, including as both president of the American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) and as the chair of the Section on Intellectual Property Law of the American Bar Association.  This award is made possible through the generosity of both AIPLA and the ABA IPL Section. The AIPLA Past Presidents Award is a merit-based award that is made possible through the contributions to the Foundation each year by past presidents of the AIPLA.  The Foundation thanks this past year’s AIPLA past presidents who have supported the Foundation and the award. Current donors are listed at <https://www.diversityiniplaw.org/jan-jancin-award/>

Both of these awards recognize second and third year law students who are members of an underrepresented racial or ethnic group who, although still students, have nonetheless contributed to the IP law profession through work experience relevant to the practice of intellectual property law, achievement in intellectual property law coursework, active membership or leadership roles in intellectually property law student organizations, published writings on intellectual property law topics, or other efforts that advance the study or practice of intellectual property law.  Any ABA-accredited law school offering at least one course on an intellectual property law subject may nominate an individual to receive these awards.

**Award**

The winner of the Jan Jancin Award receives a $5,000 cash award, as well as reasonable travel expenses to attend the presentation of the award in person, which is made each year during either the AIPLA Annual Meeting or a meeting of the ABA IPL Section.

The winner of the AIPLA Past Presidents Award receives a cash award of $2,500 and is invited to attend the presentation of the award in person at the AIPLA Annual Meeting. If conditions result in a virtual AIPLA meeting in October of 2021, travel reimbursement will not apply.

Accordingly, we request that you submit one nomination of a law student enrolled in your institution in the 2020-2021 school year (including year 2021 graduation candidates) that has exemplified excellence in intellectual property academic studies, is interested in pursuing a career in intellectual property law and may have participated as a leader in intellectual property-related student activities for consideration. Below is an explanation of exemplary criteria for nominees for the award.

Please note: **Only ONE nomination and recommendation letter from each school will be accepted**. The nomination should be no more than two pages and must be completed by a member of the faculty who has a direct knowledge of the student’s work.

Please submit a nomination in the form of a letter of recommendation, enclosing a one­ page written summation of the achievements from the nominee along with all items listed in the exemplary criteria including student's application summary. Letter of recommendation must include the email address of the person writing the letter.

To be considered, nominations must be received by no later than **May 29, 2021**, and sent to **admin@diversityiniplaw.org**

Representatives of the ABA-IPL Section, AIPLA and AIPLEF will select the winners of the 2021 Jan Jancin competition. If you have any questions concerning this honor, please contact the FADIPL Administrative Office at 703-415-0780. We look forward to receipt of your nomination for the 2021 Jan Jancin Competition.

**Jan Jancin and Past Presidents Award Competition
Exemplary Criteria for Nominees for the Award**

Any law school having at least one IP course is eligible for participation. The dean or appropriate faculty member of each law school, who has a direct knowledge of the student, will determine which IP student among students in that law school best exemplifies excellence in the field of intellectual property law and thereby qualifies as a candidate for the award. Only **ONE** nomination from each law school will be accepted. The Dean is to make the determination in whatever reasonable way he/she wishes. Each dean will have the flexibility to use any reasonable criteria, including, by way of example, any of the following:

• Best grades in IP courses overall;

• Outstanding achievement in specified IP courses;

• Best IP paper written by a student;

• Determination by a faculty consensus; or

• Membership and activity in student IP organizations.

Each participating dean or delegated faculty member who has a direct knowledge of the student, nominates a candidate by sending to the Awards Committee: a letter identifying the student candidate along with a brief summary of the student's achievements in IP law, together with a paragraph or two explaining why the student is considered deserving of the award. This letter should be no more than two pages in length. The student must also complete the Jan Jancin Application Summary and submit a one­ page essay discussing their personal achievements in the field of IP law to be included in the package submitted by the law school. The (i) nomination letter (ii) application summary and (iii) the one-page written summation of achievements written by the student are essential for selection consideration to receive the award.

**2021 Jan Jancin Competition Application Summary (Required)**

**To be completed by nominee. Must be included in the package sent by the law school and not separately submitted. Nominee package must be complete with all documents as of the deadline date.**

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| **Nominee Name:** |  |
| **School:** |  |
| **Phone:** |  | **Cell:** |  | **Email:** |  |
| **Overall GPA:** |  |  |
| **GPA in intellectual property courses:** |  |  |

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| Honors/AcademicAchievements and Awards |  |
| Participation on Law Review or Professional Journal |  |
| Publications/Papers |  |
| Presentations |  |
| Clerkships(judicial or in law environment) |  |
| Internships/Externships (judicial or in law environment) |  |
| Work Experience (Legal) |  |
| Other achievements (e.g., moot court, committee work, leadership in professional organization, research assistant) |  |

**Please attach:**⮊ Student Resume
⮊ Student Statement: Student must submit a one-page summation discussing their personal achievements in the field of IP law to be included in the package submitted by the law school.