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& Social Justice**



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IIPSJ MISSION

The Fulfilment of the Social Justice Obligations of Intellectual Property Protection by Embracing the Principles of Equitable Access, Inclusion, and Empowerment.



ACCESS INCLUSION EMPOWERMENT

OUR WORK

"Social justice includes not only access to, but also inclusion in the social, cultural, and economic life of the country. Indeed, it extends beyond—to full participation in and ability to affect the direction of civil society in all its manifestations."

1. Scholarly examination of IP law from the social justice perspective ;
2. Advocacy for social justice-cognizant interpretation, application, & revision of IP law;
3. Efforts to increase the diversity of the IP legal bar; and
4. Programs to empower historically and currently disadvantaged and marginalized communities through the development, protection, use, and exploitation of IP.

IP SJ DEFINED

1. Access for all to the IP eco system.
2. Inclusion of everyone in IP endeavor and contribution to society.
3. Empowerment of people to participate fully in the economic, social, and cultural life of the country.



Highlights from 2025

The Nexus of Social Justice and Intellectual Property

- Our monthly newsletters (<https://iipsj.org/latest-news/>)
- Working with our various academic partners, IIP SJ organized the 11th annual IP MOSAIC Conference (<https://iipsj.org/programs/ip-mosaic/>). The theme was IP and the Fabric of Nations.

Advocacy for Participation in the IP System

- A new volume of The Cambridge Handbook of Intellectual Property and Social Justice is in development, which will be co-edited by IIP SJ Founder and Director Lateef Mtima.
- IIP SJ Associate Director for International Programs Dr. Metka Potočnik attended the 66th World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) General Assemblies (GA) (<https://iipsj.org/blog-post-iipsj-attendance-at-the-66th-world-intellectual-property-organization-general-assemblies/>) and contributed written and oral statements.

Diversifying the Legal Field and the IP Bar

- 22nd Annual IIP SJ IP and Social Justice CLE (<https://iipsj.org/2025-ip-social-justice-cle-recap/>)
- IIP SJ co-hosted the inaugural West Coast IP & Social Justice CLE (<https://iipsj.org/programs/west-coast-ip-social-justice-cle/>).
- IIP SJ worked with various academic partners and event sponsors to organize the 7th Annual HBCU IP & Tech Law Summit (<https://iipsj.org/programs/hbcu-ip-tech-law-summit/>).
- IIP SJ continued the HBCU IP and Tech Law Summit Intellectual Property (IP) Internship Grant Program, sponsored by INTA Foundation, by awarding grants to two students.

Community Outreach

- IIP SJ held 2 webinars for our IP for the People Series (<https://iipsj.org/programs/ip-for-the-people-open-academy/>).

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Encouraging Enterprise,
Protecting People.