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TO: Membership of The New York Intellectual Property Law Association

FROM: Board of Directors

DATE: April 23, 2024

Statement of Purpose of Proposed Amendments to Bylaws

The Board has approved the proposed amendments to the NYIPLA bylaws reflected in the attached redlined document for submission to the membership for a vote, in person or by proxy, at the Annual Meeting on May 8, 2024. The purpose of the amendments is as follows:

1. Amendment of Article II is proposed to include all categories of IP law without a limiting list. Additionally, to clarify language.
2. Amendment of Article III is proposed to clarify language in addition to update and clarify membership requirements.
3. Amendment of Article IV is proposed to clarify language.
 - a. Amendment of Article IV, Section 8 is proposed to update and conform to current practice.
4. Amendment of Article V is proposed to clarify language.
 - a. Amendment of Article V, Section 5 is proposed to update and conform to current practice.
 - b. Amendment of Article V, Section 6 is proposed to formalized stated requirements for Board member participation.
 - c. Amendment of Article V, Section 7 is proposed to establish formal quorum requirements for Amicus Brief Board approval process when conflicted Board members reduces the number of Board members eligible to vote.
5. Amendment of Article VI is proposed to clarify language.
6. Amendment of Article VII is proposed to clarify language.
7. Amendment of Article VIII is proposed to clarify language.
8. Amendment of Article IX is proposed to clarify language.
9. Amendment of Article X is proposed to clarify language.
10. Amendment of Article XII is proposed to:
 - a. Amendment of Article XII, Section 1 is proposed to increase membership by expanding the NYIPLA footprint within New York State.
 - b. Amendment of Article XII, Section 2 is proposed to provide an organized NYIPLA presence at the law schools and create a stronger bond with the students motivating them to remain members post-graduation.
11. Amendment of Article XIII is proposed to clarify language.