

Convention Conduct



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Agenda

Part One: Intellectual Property

- Patent
- Trademark

Part Two: Conduct Law

- Harassment
- Conduct Towards Guests

Part Three: Q&A Session

WHAT IS INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (IP)

- PROPERTY THAT COMES FROM THE HUMAN INTELLECT, PRODUCT FROM THE HUMAN CREATION
 - SECURING AND ENFORCING LEGAL RIGHTS TO INVENTIONS, DESIGNS, AND ARTISTIC WORKS.

WHY DOES IP MATTER TO US?

- POP CULTURE IS EVERYWHERE!
 - INCLUDES, BUT NOT LIMITED TO: COMIC BOOK, SCIENCE FICTION, ANIME, GAMING,
- 19 OUT OF THE 20 HIGHEST GROSSING FILMS ARE SCI-FI FILMS
- 15 OUT OF THE 20 BEST-SELLING NOVELS ARE SCI-FI

What is a Patent vs. trademark vs copyright?

My Mother used to say I am going to [add in wrong word] that picture. What is the right word?

In nonstatutory terms, here is the difference:

Patents protect new inventions, methods, compositions, and innovations.

Basically, the science stuff.

Trademarks act as identifiers of source of goods.

You know you are buying a certain product by the brand.

Copyrights protect works of art in a tangible medium.

Basically the artwork we see, hear and love.

Can you have protection for a product in all three areas of IP?

Yes, you can.

- Take for example a videogame.
- It can use patentable microchip technology, have copyrightable art and visuals, and feature a branded character such as Mario or Zelda.

General on the Tech Stuff -Patent -

- First to file
- Family style
- Continuing Legacy
- Do Not need working model
- No software (Alice)
- Design and Utility

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