

CHARTER

ACCA INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY COMMITTEE

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I. Purpose:

The purpose of ACCA's Intellectual Property Committee is to increase corporate awareness of issues involving intellectual property, develop member expertise, provide access to resource material and experts, and provide a forum for member interaction.

II. Membership:

Any ACCA member is eligible for membership.

III. Organization:

The Committee shall have a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Chair of such subcommittees, as it shall from time-to-time deem appropriate. The Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Subcommittee Chairs shall collectively constitute the executive committee of the Intellectual Property Committee and be authorized to act on behalf of the full Committee between meetings of the full Committee.

The term of office for executive committee members shall be two years, except that if a committee member is appointed to one of the officer positions, then that member's term is extended by the term of that officer position.

The Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary of the executive committee shall each serve for a one-year term. When possible, the Chair will be succeeded by the Vice Chair and the Vice Chair will be succeeded by the Secretary, and a new Secretary will be appointed by the Chair, provided, however, that any other committee member may run for one of these positions by submitting a nomination to the Chair sixty (60) days before the annual business meeting. If there are two or more persons nominated for an officer position, the new officer will be elected by a majority vote of executive committee members present at the annual business meeting.

IV: Subcommittees:

Program Subcommittee

The Program Subcommittee shall be responsible for organizing and selecting topics for ACCA's annual meeting, presenting those topics to ACCA for approval and assisting in the selection of speakers for those programs.

Legislation Subcommittee

The Legislation Subcommittee shall monitor federal and state legislation relevant to intellectual property law matters. The subcommittee shall report on legislative developments at the executive committee meetings. Where appropriate and with executive committee approval, the subcommittee shall make recommendations to ACCA to comment upon or take positions with respect to such legislation.

Membership Subcommittee

The Membership Subcommittee shall be responsible for recruiting and welcoming new members to the executive committee and subcommittees. The subcommittee will conduct outreach to ACCA membership at large to increase member awareness of and participation in the executive committee.

Communications Subcommittee

The Communications Subcommittee shall facilitate the collection and dissemination of checklists, model agreements, policy statements, and other materials that would be helpful to corporate counsel in addressing intellectual property issues in their day-to-day practice. The Communications Subcommittee shall also be responsible for identifying and recommending recognition for outstanding contributions by individuals and the IP Committee as a whole. The purpose of recognition is (1) to acknowledge personal and corporate support of ACCA's mission; (2) to motivate continued contributions; and (3) to provide an opportunity to publicize committee activities to encourage increased participation.

Chapter Relations Subcommittee

The Chapter Relations Subcommittee shall facilitate communications between the national ACCA IP Committee and local ACCA chapters. The subcommittee may assist local chapters from time-to-time in the planning and presentation of IP-related programs. The subcommittee shall also solicit program topics, potential speakers and other IP-related resources from local chapters.

Committee Liaison Subcommittee

The Committee Liaison Subcommittee shall serve as a liaison with other IP-related bar organizations. The subcommittee shall establish and maintain contacts with such other organizations for the purpose of coordinating the planning of programs and sharing of other resources as appropriate.

Advocacy Subcommittee

The Advocacy Subcommittee shall advise the executive committee on pending court cases on which ACCA may wish to file an Amicus Brief. If approved by the executive committee, the chair of the Advocacy Subcommittee shall seek approval from the ACCA General Counsel to prepare and file an Amicus Brief on behalf of ACCA, and coordinate preparation and filing of the brief.