

SAIPL Policy Statement

The South African Institute of Intellectual Property Law was established in 1952 and represents some 164 patent attorneys, patent agents and trade mark practitioners in South Africa who specialise in the field of Intellectual Property Law. SAIPL is managed by the council with its current president being Collin McKenzie, Partner of Adams & Adams Attorneys.



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Vision Statement

To become the leading South African intellectual property organisation by providing the necessary recourses through its committees and members that are equipped with relevant intellectual property rights knowledge to step up on the best practices of intellectual property protection, management, enforcement and valuation.

Purpose

To engage, foster and promote an active core of well informed and active lawyers who practice in the area of intellectual property designed to benefit the Institute and its Members.

Goals

- To “assume” guardianship of South African Intellectual property Law;
- To educate IP professionals in South Africa through appropriate and relevant training

- To support international IP harmonisation legislation efforts
- To strengthen the protection and enforcement of IP rights in South Africa.
- To promote and defend the current system of IP rights and norms in South Africa
- To improve and influence legislation and associated regulations that indirectly or directly impacts on the enforcement of IP rights in South Africa whilst taking cognisance of international developments;
- to work towards implementing such improvements in appropriate legislation; and
- To raise awareness and increase support among key audiences for the value of strong IP rights as a driver of innovation and creativity.
- Building and maintaining a properly functioning and user friendly patent, designs office and trademark office in South Africa.

The Institute has 17 operating specialist committees and 2 sub-committees. The general purpose of the committees is to attend to subject matter specific aspects as working committees with report back for approval and implementation to the Institute.

The constitution, purpose and goals of each of these committees are set out in this document.

