The ABA Section of Intellectual Property Law (ABA-IPL) provides the highest quality information, analysis and practice tools to intellectual property lawyers, and serves as the thoughtful source of information and commentary for policy makers as they consider legislation affecting the law and regulations in intellectual property matters. The Section is respected and known as the premier resource for knowledge in this increasingly important and complex area of law. As part of the American Bar Association, the ABA-IPL Section is the IP voice for more than 400,000 ABA members.
WHY SHOULD I CONSIDER PUBLISHING WITH ABA-IPL?

What does writing a book for the ABA-IPL Section entail?
- You’re the expert. You can provide information that, although not a treatise, can be best-selling, practical, often short (200-300 pages), and often drawn from what you already know.

How do I get a book idea started?
- Fill out a proposal – the more detail, the better chance of success. (If you need assistance, a Books Board member will be happy to help.)
- Provide more than a one line synopsis: e.g., a working table of contents or outline; and think of including an article on a related topic you may already have done.
- Identify co-authors (if necessary), reference any competitive titles.
- Include your CV, and those of any co-authors for relevant experience.

What happens to my book proposal?
- A proposal is initially vetted by the ABA-IPL Books Board.
- It may receive unanimous approval, provisional approval, some suggestions, or may require additional information.

Who can help me along the way as I develop the book?
- Once the proposal is accepted, our assistance begins.
- A Board liaison is assigned to guide you through the process and answer questions.
- You’ll be in contact with a managing editor and will have the opportunity to liaise as needed with other Board members, including the chair and vice chair.

Who reviews the book before publication?
- Quality is vetted by peer reviewers. As an author, you’ll have the opportunity for interactions with other experts in the field, suggestions for edits/content.
- Thorough publication review includes input from Board members.
- Complete professional copyediting, proofing, cite format checking, indexing, table of contents, and cover and layout are provided.
- But: accuracy of citations is verified by the author.

What’s the best way to decide on a topic for a book?
- What ideas do you have? Have you done any CLEs or articles on a topic?
- What’s your expertise? What do you know now about how to handle a particular type of matter that you wish you had known at the start of your work in the field?
- What is a book you would like to have yourself but no one has yet written?