

Intellectual Property Litigation Clearinghouse

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URL

www.ip.stanford.edu (prospective)

Type of Data

Coded government administrative and private data

Availability of Data Set

Anticipated release in 2008

Activity Measured

2000 through 2008

Number of Observations

1,000,000

OVERVIEW

The Intellectual Property Litigation Clearinghouse (IPLC) will be a comprehensive online information source on IP lawsuits. Modeled on the renowned Stanford Securities Class Action Clearinghouse, the IPLC will host general statistical information, as well as text-searchable dockets, complaints, select motions, judicial opinions, and related data. The IPLC hopes to provide real-time statistical analyses on initial filings, Markman procedures, summary judgment procedures, validity/invalidity rulings, infringement/non-infringement rulings, injunctions, termination (pendency) times, trials, damages, "win rates," etc., with concomitant jurisdictional mapping and procedural workflow tools. In addition, the IPLC will attempt to calibrate public and private source documents, by industry, on IP settlements and licensing agreements. The IPLC will provide user-friendly summaries and industry analyses along with a full-text search engine—the first such resource in the public domain.

PROCEDURES FOR ACCESSING THE DATA SET

The data set will be accessible via <http://ip.stanford.edu> in 2008. The public site will be an easily accessible, "enterprise scale" web application.

METHODOLOGY

The data set is derived from PACER (Public Access to Court Electronic Records), an electronic service that allows users to obtain case and docket information from federal courts. After downloading all available cases from more than ninety courts (and by hand-collecting and scanning documents from others), raw data sets are parsed by a computer program into specific motions, objections, and decisions. The data is then hand-checked by research assistants to ensure integrity. Associated documents also are made available.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

There are more than fourteen statistical reports generally planned or specifically scheduled, but none are available at this time.

FUTURE

The technology, scope, and legal architecture of this system is constantly growing and evolving. The project welcomes scholarly collaboration.