



INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY INSTITUTE OF CANADA
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Advocacy—increasing Canada’s competitiveness

To ensure that the views of IP professionals are heard on issues that affect their practice or Canada’s competitiveness in the global economy, IPIC advocates in a number of areas.

CIPO Practices and Policy

IPIC advocates continuously on CIPO’s practices and policies through three joint IPIC-CIPO committees (trade-marks, patents and industrial design). This work is complemented by formal submissions to CIPO.

IP Regulations and Legislation

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- suggests changes to regulations associated with IP legislation (e.g. patents, trade-marks, copyright and industrial design);
- promotes changes to existing legislation or the adoption of new legislation;
- responds to consultations held by governments;
- makes formal submissions to parliamentary committees for federal and provincial legislation.

International Issues

IPIC seeks to influence international IP issues by attending meetings of international organizations such as WIPO (IPIC has permanent observer status at WIPO) or by making representations to the Canadian government officials involved in international negotiations.

Courts

IPIC participates in the Federal Court’s IP Users Committee where court procedures are discussed. IPIC may also seek leave to intervene in an appeal if it believes that it can bring a unique perspective to an issue.

