TEACHING OF INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY IN MEXICO

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INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY LAW (Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México)

Official name of the course:

"Industrial Property Law," started in 1976.

Nature of the study plan:

A copy of the program is attached.

Type of course:

- Lectures as part of the above program;
- Supply of forms for procedures before the appropriate authorities;
- Discussion of basic issues with the students;
- Written and oral tests to complete the treatment of each basic issue within the program;
- To pass the course, the student is required to submit a written work known as a "tesina" on some item of the program which should be no less than 30 pages in length. In addition, the professor may interrogate him on the subject of the work or on any matter chosen by the student.

Duration:

One semester. The classes are given three times a week and each class lasts one hour. The course covers approximately 40 hours.

Nature of the subject:

Optional.

Level of students:

This course is given at post-graduate level in the Division of Higher Studies of the Faculty of Law of UNAM and leads to the conferment of the title of doctor of law. The entry requirements are:

- to have obtained an average mark of 8 in the law degree examination;
- to hold a degree in law;

- to provide evidence of proficiency in one of the following languages: English, French, Italian, Portuguese or German;

- to show an aptitude for teaching or research.

Legal and laboratory practice:

During the course, visits are made to the offices and records of the Directorate General of Copyright, the Directorate of Industrial Property (now of Inventions and Marks) and to the Directorate of the Technology Transfer Register.

Likewise, in order to complete the treatment of each of the ten parts into which the program is divided, the students are shown various private offices devoted to professional practice in these subjects to enable them to obtain objective knowledge of the workings of the respective procedures and to gain first-hand knowledge of industrial property applications, procedures and titles that ensure the exclusivity of the relevant rights.

Bibliography:

Standard works and works by foreign authors are scarce.

In addition to the traditional works, by the Mexican authors, César Sepúlveda, Jorge Barrera Graf, Antonio de Ibarrola and David Rangel Medina, there exist a fair number of monographs dealing with the matter included in the program. The main source to be consulted is the collection of the Mexican Industrial and Artistic Property Review which has published to date, in its 32 half-yearly issues:

- some 300 studies by authors from other countries, internationally recognized as intellectual property law professors or practitioners;

- over 100 national, foreign and international legislative texts;

- over 300 notes and document texts relating to seminars, congresses, symposia and the like both in the country and in all other parts of the world;

- reviews of more than 250 works published in Spanish and in other languages between 1962 and 1978.

Likewise, the "Actas de Derecho Industrial" (Industrial Law Acts) published in Spain and "La Propiedad Intelectual" published three-monthly by WIPO are consulted.

PATENTS, MARKS AND COPYRIGHT (Universidad Iberoamericana)

Official name of the course:

"Patents, marks and copyright," started in 1977.

Nature of the study plan:

A copy of the program is attached.

Type of course:

- Lectures as part of the above program.
- Supply of forms for procedures before the appropriate authorities.
- Discussion of basic issues with the students.
- Written and oral tests to complete the treatment of each of the ten issues in the program.
- To pass the course, the student is required to submit a written work at the end of the semester, dealing with an item of the program. He must further take a half-hour oral test concerning one or more of the matters dealt with in the course.

Duration:

One semester. Classes are given twice a week and last for two hours in each case. The course covers approximately sixty hours.

Nature of the subject:

Optional.

Level of students:

Students in the seventh semester of the degree course in law, in the field of private law.

As far as legal and laboratory practice and bibliography are concerned, the same information applies as for the doctor's degree course in industrial property.

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