

Overview of the International Standards Board for Qualified Patent Information Professionals (ISBQPIP)

Objectives of the ISBQPIP

The International Standards Board for Qualified Patent Information Professionals (ISBQPIP) will be established as the international professional standards board for patent information professionals who search, interpret, analyse and report on patent information and other technical information to support decision-making concerning legal questions such as the novelty of technology or the risk of patent infringement.

The purposes of the ISBQPIP are:

- 1) to set and administer the examination that candidates must complete in order to become a Qualified Patent Information Professional (QPIP);
- 2) to determine the educational and professional qualifications required to sit the Qualified Patent Information Professional (QPIP) examination;
- 3) to register Qualified Patent Information Professionals and to maintain the register;
- 4) to determine the continued professional education requirements for renewal as a Qualified Patent Information Professional;
- 5) to accredit courses of study that satisfy the requirements of the Qualified Patent Information Professional (QPIP) examination;
- 6) to receive and assess any complaints made against a registered QPIP about the person's professional conduct; and
- 7) to establish and maintain a code of professional conduct for Qualified Patent Information Professionals.

Board Structure

The ISBQPIP shall consist of a Supervisory Council as defined in the Articles attached hereto. In addition, the following committees shall be established to carry out the stated purposes of the ISBQPIP:

- an Accreditation Committee;
- an Examination Committee;
- a Qualifications and Continued Professional Education Committee; and
- a Regulatory and Disciplinary committee

Additional committees or sub-committees may be established by the Supervisory Council.

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The Supervisory Council shall be responsible for overseeing all of the functions of the committees, for amending, as necessary, the Articles and Rules of the International Standards Board for Qualified Patent Information Professionals that will be used to implement the functions of the committees and for maintaining the code of professional conduct.

