

Message from the Director



It is hard to believe that DePaul's Center for Intellectual Property Law & Information Technology (CIPLIT®) was founded just over a decade ago—2007 marked CIPLIT's 10th anniversary at the College of Law. In that time, the program has developed into an internationally recognized, broad-based academic program encompassing all facets of intellectual property (IP) law.

In academic year 2007-2008 alone, the program and its students received many accolades. This spring, CIPLIT students represented 42 percent of graduates receiving Order of the Coif and College of Law honors. Twenty-four law students graduated with a certificate in one of our four IP areas of specialization: General IP Law, Patent Law, Information Technology Law, and Arts and Museum Law.

DePaul students also performed well in last year's IP moot court competitions. One team won the first-ever intellectual property moot court competition held in Beijing, China, while another won the Midwest Regional Giles Sutherland Rich Memorial Moot Court Competition in Patent Law. This team also received awards for the best appellee and appellant briefs and was a semifinalist in the national competition.

Programmatically, the year began with CIPLIT hosting the internationally known IP Scholars Conference co-sponsored annually by Berkeley, Cardozo, DePaul and Stanford law schools. CIPLIT also held its annual Conversation with the Judiciary, featuring three distinguished federal district judges who discussed the idea, advantages and disadvantages of establishing voluntary panels of district judges who choose to hear patent cases. In addition, the school's IP journal was renamed the *DePaul University College of Law Journal of Art, Technology & Intellectual Property Law* to better reflect the depth and breadth of our program offerings. The journal celebrated its newly named inaugural issue by co-sponsoring the spring 2008 CIPLIT Visiting Artist Program, which featured noted screenwriter and director Zach Helm.

Finally, I cannot begin to express how truly proud CIPLIT is of the talented and internationally recognized full-time IP faculty who continue to build upon DePaul's solid reputation for faculty scholarship. They share a wealth of experience in teaching, practice and innovative scholarship, and they have collectively written more than 100 articles and published a number of books. I am delighted to share with you their most recent scholarly endeavors.

Regards,

Barbara B. Bressler

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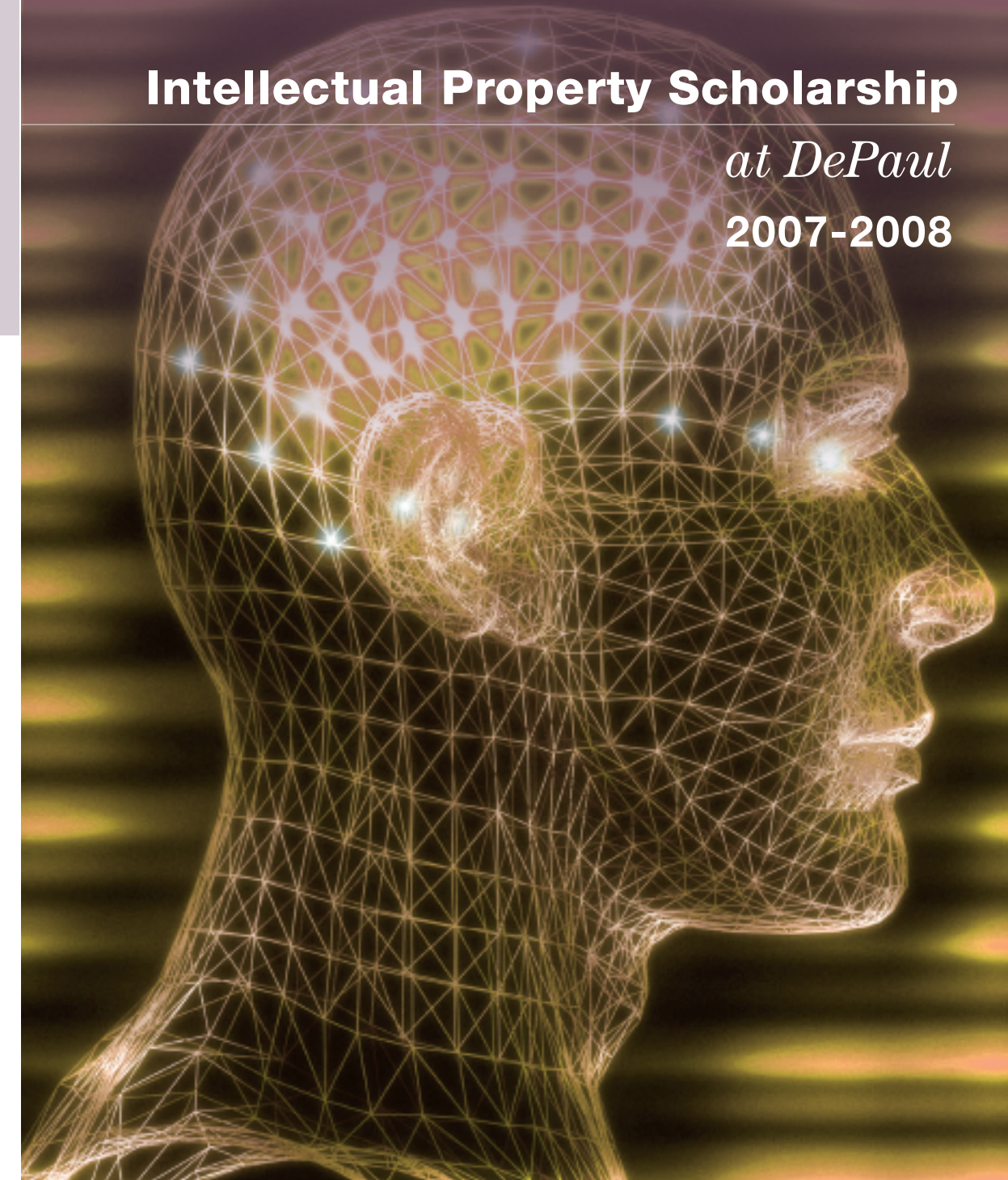
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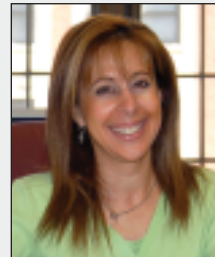
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