



# Interested in serving IPON clients?

## Apply to be a Service Provider on IPON's Tiger Team

Intellectual Property Ontario (IPON) will be providing its clients with access to a specialized group of practitioners, the Tiger Team, who will consult with clients on urgent IP-related issues that are deemed to be high risk and projected to have a material impact on the client's business operations if not addressed.

IPON is inviting you to apply to be part of the Tiger Team. In this respect, IPON is seeking ***experienced, highly skilled, issue-specific lawyers*** who can provide initial consultations to clients on select IP-related issues that are not covered by other services IPON provides. The selected Tiger Team member will contact the client to set up one or more meetings/consultations (up to 5 hours total) within 72 hours.

Tiger Team lawyers should be able to consult with the client and provide legal information and guidance in at least one of the following situations:

- Receiving a cease-and-desist letter from a third party related to an IP asset of the client.
- Discovering or receiving notice of opposition proceedings related to an IP asset of the client.
- Discovering or receiving notice of litigation related to an IP asset of the client.
- Receiving interest in licensing opportunities and conducting time-sensitive licensing negotiations related to an IP asset of the client.
- Other specific IP-related legal situations encountered by the client (at the discretion of IPON).

**NOTE: Litigation expenses are not reimbursed through any IPON programs. The Tiger Team does not replace or supplant the client's need to obtain litigation advice, support, and representation when needed.**

Tiger Team members will have an independent client relationship with specific client(s) and are to provide consultative services to the client(s) under strict confidentiality.

By providing consultative services as part of IPON's services, the Tiger Team member may only provide follow-on services resulting from the Tiger Team consultation if they

have complied with conflict-of-interest rules and requirements of IPON. ***IPON will provide financial compensation at an hourly rate for consultative services provided by a Tiger Team member.***

In addition to providing consultative services, each Tiger Team member is expected to provide feedback on the implementation of the Tiger Team program as it relates to clients who contact a Tiger Team member. IPON cannot guarantee any volume of work in connection with the Tiger Team.

## **More information**

IPON is looking for Tiger Team members from the following jurisdictions:

- Ontario – are licensed by the Law Society of Ontario as a lawyer
- Other provinces in Canada
- United States
- China
- Korea
- Japan
- Europe

Experts from other jurisdictions are welcome to apply.

Please complete **this form** if you are interested in being a member of IPON's Tiger Team and you:

- ✓ Have been practicing law in your jurisdiction for at least 15 years;
- ✓ Can service/support clients based in Ontario with expertise on handling one or more of the above situations in your jurisdiction; and
- ✓ Are able to meet/provide a consultation to IPON clients within 72 hours of being contacted.

Those selected to be on IPON's Tiger Team will be invited to participate in IPON events and networking sessions, which provides opportunities to increase their profile while building capacity in Ontario's IP ecosystem. For more information, contact us at **legal@ip-ontario.ca**.

## **Accessibility**

If you require further information or accommodation in alternative formats, please contact us at [info@ip-ontario.ca](mailto:info@ip-ontario.ca).

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