priority 1: grow and develop the student body

• Undergraduate teaching – possible minor in IP. We could create and develop a minor in IP for the undergraduate program, satisfy undergraduates’ general education requirements, and prepare undergraduates for the patent bar exam.

Priority 2: Promote Innovative Thinking and Excellence Throughout the University

• Law and Entrepreneurial Program. Launched in Spring 2012, this program will continue to provide law students, under the direction of a professor-clinician, with the tools and expertise needed to advise, guide, and counsel emerging companies. Law students could become more involved with IPROs and ENPROs.

• Law and Information Technology. Explore the possibility of a new center or academic program focused on the intersection of law and emerging information technologies. The program could cover big data and legal restraints arising from sensitive information in the financial and health fields. Connections to cyber security can be drawn.

Priority 3: Elevate IIT’s Visibility and Reputation

• Continue development of our new and existing Centers:
  
  – Center for Information, Society and Policy. Continue developing new interdisciplinary research center to serve as a forum to discuss, debate, and research privacy and information security issues raised by developing information technologies. The new center will pool the expertise of computer scientists, psychologists, lawyers, business experts, and theorists in systems design and human/system interfaces. Emphasis will be placed on forging a shared understanding of the problems at hand and a common language with which to discuss and analyze proposed solutions.

  – Center for Empirical Studies of IP. Develop this new center (the first academic center of its kind at an American law school) that promotes the application of quantitative and qualitative social science methods to studying important questions about innovation and creativity.

  – Institute on the Supreme Court of the United States (ISCOTUS). Explore and implement new initiatives for ISCOTUS, including information technology and Internet-based initiatives for The Oyez Project.

  – Institute for Law and the Workplace (ILW). Continue research, academic dialogue, and training on labor and employment issues. Continue Chicago area and nationwide conferences and lectures, such as: The annual Federal Sector Labor Relations and Labor Law Program, The annual Illinois Public Sector Labor Relations Law Program, Conferences for Labor Arbitrators, The annual Kenneth M. Piper Memorial Lecture, and The annual Distinguished Labor Leader Lecture.

  – Center for Access to Justice & Technology (CAJT). Continue research and development of existing and new software tools to make justice more accessible to the public, and continue efforts in promoting the A2J Clinical Course Project (a kit that trains law faculty on how to teach a justice and technology practicum course) to faculty from law schools across the country.

  – Institute for Compliance. Further develop this new center to train and prepare students for careers in financial compliance by providing them with lectures on topics in the compliance field and varied compliance course offerings. Continue to provide students with internship/externship opportunities in compliance departments.
– The Justice John Paul Stevens Jury Center (Jury Center). Continue to be a leading resource for academic articles and summaries on the jury, ongoing jury trials, and new developments on the jury.

Priority 4: Enhance IIT’s Facilities, Infrastructure and Environments

• Facilities
  – Construct another courtroom
  – Enhance security systems
  – Workout room?

• Community
  – Enhance clinics
  – Continue self-help web desk outreach

Priority 5: Develop Resources to Enable Progress

• Develop new cohorts for LL.M. programs and expand our traditional LL.M. programs to international markets – specifically:
  – Chiang Mai, Thailand
  – Hunan, China
  – Guangzhou, China
  – Madrid, Spain
  – Yunnan, China
  – Bogota, Colombia

• Create and launch a new LL.M. Program in Advocacy that will equip international students to represent clients effectively in various forums and before different decision-makers. This unique LL.M. Program will focus on advanced trial advocacy, including negotiating, settlement, mediation, alternative dispute resolution skills.

• Create an online degree for the IPMM Program. Create online classes that will allow students outside of Chicago to pursue an IPMM degree.

• Consider online certificate program in Compliance.

• Continue to solicit for the capital campaign.

• Increase law school endowment and alumni giving.

Priority 6: Strengthen All of IIT’s Academic Programs

• Continue nationally recognized advocacy programs to equip students with practical courtroom-ready skills, and continue our teams’ success in various advocacy competitions at the local and national level.

• Continue research and education on issues related to labor and employment through The Institute for Law and the Workplace (ILW), a national center for research, training, and dialogue on the law that governs the workplace.

• Build IP and IP Management & Markets (IPMM) Programs to attract top faculty, fellows, and students.