

# Students: get ready for the 2024–25 National Debate!



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## Debate Prep Webinar Series: Intellectual Property in Focus: What is it? Who is it for?

The national high school debate topic for the 2024–2025 school year is:

**Resolved:** *The United States federal government should significantly strengthen its protection of domestic intellectual property (IP) rights in copyrights, patents, and/or trademarks.*

### Join us to Prepare

The Lemelson–MIT Program, Advancing Diversity Across Patent Teams (ADAPT), Intellectual Property Owners Education Foundation (IPOEF), US Intellectual Property Alliance (USIPA), Invent Together, The Center for Intellectual Property Understanding (CIPU), The Michelson Institute for Intellectual Property, LexisNexis, and others are joining forces to bring incredible resources to you by offering three free webinars that will help you prepare to argue for and against this resolution.

Don't miss this opportunity to hear from IP attorneys, A.I. thought leaders, and others who will share information that can be used to inform your debate arguments.



**Register today!**

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<https://lemelson.mit.edu/DebatePrep>

### The Webinars

#### 1. Orientation to the intellectual property system

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

5:00PM to 6:15PM PT; 8:00PM to 9:15PM ET

**Expert speakers include:**



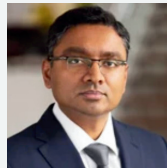
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#### 2. Hot topics regarding U.S. IP laws & careers in IP

Thursday, October 24, 2024

5:30PM to 7:30PM PT; 8:30PM to 10:30PM ET

**Speakers coming soon!**

#### 3. Deep dive into arguments for/against strengthening the US intellectual property protection; Includes individualized coaching and Q&A for teams who pre-register

Wednesday, November 20, 2024

5:00PM to 6:15PM PT; 8:00PM to 9:15PM ET

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