

# Factsheet.

A two-page reference for press, analysts, and prospective members.

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## In one sentence

The Open IP Council (OIPC) is a pre-formation standards body that accredits independently-owned, reproducible benchmarks for AI tools used in intellectual property workflows.

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## What it does

- Accredits open, reproducible benchmarks against six published criteria (§ 6).
  - Maintains shared methodology conventions and result schemas via the Methodology Council.
  - Publishes integrity standards that bind every accredited benchmark (Therasense, Conflict, Reproducibility — § 8).
  - Coordinates Working Groups for vendors, buyers, insurers, and academics.
  - Does **not** own any individual benchmark, rate any vendor, or operate the test sets. Each benchmark stays with its maintainer.
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## Founding posture

STATUS	TARGET ANNOUNCEMENT
Pre-formation. Not yet announced.	2026 · venue TBA

FOUNDING MEMBERS UNDER DISCUSSION Roger Hahn (PatentBench); CBlindspot team (DraftBench, ValueBench); third Founding Member TBA.	LICENSE Apache-2.0 default for accredited methodology.
DOCUMENT OIPC-CHARTER-v0.1 in public comment.	COMPANION OIPC Open Questions v0.1 (six unresolved items).

## The five core principles

- 01 **Open methodology, open results.**
- 02 **Independent benchmark ownership.** The Council accredits, never owns.
- 03 **Tracks A and B.** Ground-truth signal plus expert-panel signal, published separately and merged.
- 04 **Integrity floors over deductions.** Bright-line legal violations trigger a hard floor on composite score.
- 05 **Vendor-neutral governance.** No stakeholder class holds more than 4 of 9 Governance Board seats.

## Accredited benchmarks (proposed at formation)

NAME	MAINTAINER	DOMAIN	STATUS
<b>PatentBench</b>	Roger Hahn	Patent prosecution (604 cases, 9 USPTO Tech Centers)	Live, accreditation pending
<b>DraftBench</b>	CBlindspot	Pre-filing drafting	Announced, accreditation Q3 2026
<b>ValueBench</b>	CBlindspot	Patent valuation	Provisional, public comment Jun 2026

NAME	MAINTAINER	DOMAIN	STATUS
ClaimConstructionBench	Academic partnership TBA	Markman / claim construction	Targeted 2027

## The Therasense Standard

**DOCTRINAL BASIS.** *Therasense v. Becton Dickinson*, 649 F.3d 1276 (Fed. Cir. 2011) (en banc) — affirmative egregious misconduct including citation of nonexistent prior art is per se material under the inequitable conduct doctrine.

Any accredited benchmark that evaluates AI tools producing content for patent or trademark filings must include a fabrication-detection layer. Cited references must verify against an authoritative source (USPTO PatentsView, Patent Public Search, EPO Open Patent Services, J-PlatPat, CNIPA). Citations that fail verification trigger a composite score of **0.0** — a hard floor, not a deduction.

## Governance at a glance

BODY	FUNCTION	DECISION RULE
Governance Board	Strategic direction, ratifies accreditations, manages finances. 9 seats with stakeholder-class cap of 4 of 9.	Simple majority; 2/3 supermajority for accreditation, methodology, charter amendments.
Methodology Council	Reviews accreditation applications; maintains shared conventions and result schemas.	Simple majority for technical; 2/3 for accreditation decisions.
Working Groups	Vendor Adapter Standards, Buyer Procurement, Insurance & Risk, Academic Methodology Review.	Non-binding recommendations.

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## Roadmap

PHASE	WINDOW	ANCHOR MILESTONE
Formation	2026	Charter v1.0 published; Founding Members named
Initial accreditation	Jun–Sep 2026	First accreditations of PatentBench, DraftBench
First annual cycle	Oct–Dec 2026	Annual report; first insurance carrier engagement
Expansion	2027	4–5 accredited benchmarks; first academic partnership
Institutionalization	2028	Non-profit incorporation or institutional sponsorship

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