



Universities & Research Institutions

Universities and research institutions are known for their inspiring and innovative research. These collaborative environments present a unique set of requirements and challenges regarding intellectual property issues. It is vital for these institutions to secure balanced and well-reasoned policies for the protection of a wide range of intellectual property assets.

The attorneys at COJK have provided legal IP services for decades to a wide diversity of clients, including universities, foundations, and research institutions, across a broad range of sectors. Over the course of our decades of experience, COJK has developed strong client relationships with universities and other non-profit research institutions, such as global health and medical research organizations.

Our multidisciplinary team of attorneys understands the nature of technology and research. We provide services such as:

- Patent procurement
- Technology licensing
- Copyright registration
- Trademark registration
- Litigation and dispute resolution
- Agreements

Additionally, we help these clients maximize their dealings with licensees and optionees by providing counsel regarding:

- Invention patentability
- Freedom-to-practice opinions
- Patent portfolio management

- IP and patent filing strategy
- Licensing and other agreements

As a result of our representation of these organizations, we understand and appreciate the connections between intellectual property matters and institutional operations. This experience also provides us with an understanding of the unique challenges faced in obtaining IP assets based on research and academic investigations.

In addition to protecting cutting-edge research and inventions, universities and research institutions must implement and frequently review policies surrounding copyright and trademark laws, including clear statements about the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA). These organizations must wisely create license agreements to secure funding as well as protect their interests in advance of scholarly communications. COJK's trademark and copyright practice group attorneys provide the necessary counsel to ensure all IP assets are protected.