

Issues in Identifying Contributors to Inventions under U.S. Law

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This chapter addresses inventorship and ownership issues, as may arise in a university or hospital setting. The chapter first defines inventorship and its legal background. Second, it addresses the complications that can arise when there are possible joint inventors and provides general guidelines for determining inventorship. Third, it describes the differences between inventorship and authorship. Fourth, it addresses the differences between inventorship and ownership. Finally, it discusses how to correct inventorship in the event of an error.