

# Innovation Disclosure

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## **Introducing the Innovation Disclosure**

The launching pad for technical evaluations, market analyses, and strategies for statutory protection is a single document commonly called the *invention disclosure*. The word *invention*, however, implies that the subject matter of the disclosure only includes patents. If it were necessary to broaden the scope of the disclosure document to take in copyrights, it might lead to a decision to include a second type of documentation called the *software disclosure* or *copyright disclosure*. There might even be a third type for trademarks. To discuss all of these forms generically, they will be referred to as *innovation disclosures*. These are alternately referred to as *disclosures of innovation*, which you may occasionally see abbreviated as DOI. Let's examine what an innovation disclosure is and what it is not.