

## Agreements

**Well-structured contracts are vital for protecting intellectual property (IP) rights, from the conception of inventions through their monetization.**

At each stage in the process, Hamilton Brook Smith Reynolds attorneys have the expertise to construct the contractual arrangements necessary to secure and protect the value of a client's intellectual property rights.

We protect clients before and during inventive activities that may involve disclosure of information to or collaboration with third parties. By structuring agreements that clearly define relationships, rights, and expectations, we help clients to avoid misunderstandings, disputes, and potential loss of intellectual property rights. Depending on a client's specific situation, one or more of the following may be advantageous:

- Nondisclosure agreements
- Employee invention disclosure and assignment agreements
- Consulting agreements
- Noncompetition agreements
- Research collaboration and joint development agreements

We also protect clients in commercializing and extracting value from their inventions. For example, our experienced attorneys are familiar with issues that can be critical to clients' successful transfer of technology to another party. Drafting, reviewing, and customizing individualized client solutions may involve one or more of the following:

- License agreements
- Complex assignment transactions
- Material transfer agreements

When disputes do arise, we recognize that we may best serve our clients' interests with agreements that define rights and obligations of the parties, without the need for litigation. Examples of agreements that our attorneys have used to advance our clients' interests are:

- Mediation and arbitration
- Trademark concurrent use
- Common interest
- Invention priority

For opposing parties, the possibility that they would have to face our firm's strong litigation capability is often a key to bringing disagreements to a negotiated resolution.

As part of our general proactive strategy in serving our clients' needs, our attorneys assess the types of agreements that can advance your intellectual property interests.