

1. Title

Execution of Legal Documents Related to Intellectual Property

2. Rule and Regulation

- Sec. 1 Execution of Agreements. Agreements that grant an interest in Board intellectual property, including but not limited to option and license agreements and contracts with corporate sponsors, may be executed and delivered in accordance with the provisions of the Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 10501](#), after any required review by the U. T. System Office of General Counsel.
- Sec. 2 Agreements That Do Not Conform to the Rules. Any agreement that deviates substantially from the basic intellectual property policy of the U. T. System as set out in the Regents' *Rules and Regulations* may be executed and delivered as set forth in Section 1 above if, in the judgment of the institution's president and after any required review by the U. T. System Office of General Counsel, the benefits from the level of funding for proposed research and/or other consideration from a sponsor, licensee, or other party outweigh any potential disadvantage that may result from the policy deviation.
- Sec. 3 Authority to Execute Documents. The Chancellor, the appropriate Executive Vice Chancellor, the Vice Chancellor and General Counsel, or the Vice Chancellor for Research and Technology Transfer may execute, on behalf of the Board of Regents, legal documents relating to the Board's rights in intellectual property, including, but not limited to, applications, declarations, affidavits, powers of attorney, disclaimers, and other such documents relating to patents and copyrights; applications, declarations, affidavits, affidavits of use, powers of attorney, and other such documents relating to trademarks; and corporate documents related to the formation of new companies. In addition, the institution's president may execute, on behalf of the Board, (a) institutional applications for registration or recordation of transfers of ownership and other such documents relating to copyrights and (b) corporate documents related to the formation of new companies if (i) first reviewed and approved by the U. T. System Office of General Counsel or (ii) first reviewed and approved by institution's outside counsel working under a U. T. System Office of General Counsel-approved outside counsel agreement.

3. Definitions

None

4. Relevant Federal and State Statutes

None

5. Relevant System Policies, Procedures, and Forms

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 10501](#) – Delegation to Act on Behalf of the Board

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 90101](#) – Rules for Intellectual Property: Purpose, Scope, Authority

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 90102](#) – Intellectual Property Rights and Obligations

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 90103](#) – Equity Interests

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 90104](#) – Business Participation and Reporting

Regents' *Rules and Regulations*, [Rule 90106](#) – Income from Intellectual Property

6. Who Should Know

Administrators
Faculty
Staff
Students

7. System Administration Office(s) Responsible for Rule

Office of General Counsel

8. Dates Approved or Amended

February 8, 2007
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9. Contact Information

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