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Navigating Multiplexed Technology Transfer

Often, in an academic setting, technology transfer and commercialization involve academic employees of universities, but also might involve employees of private entities and state and federal agencies. The resulting multiple layers of private ordering and regulation related to invention ownership requires untangling first how the default rules of ownership operate with respect to ordinary employees of universities, private entities, and federal agencies, how these rules are changed by private agreement and by regulation, and finally how these multiple parties interact with inventors to gather information and commercialize technology within this framework. This project aims to illuminate the problem and offer suggestions for greater understanding of ownership rules in this complicated landscape.

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