

Educational & Research Institutions

Rothwell Figg is a trail blazer in IP counseling and litigation for universities and research organizations. Our firm has advised and represents a selection of the world's most brilliant and important innovators involved in transformational discovery today. Our expertise ranges from CRISPR to biosimilars to nutritional supplements and everything in between. Notably, we have handled high profile patent interferences and IPRs involving the ground-breaking discovery of non-invasive fetal testing for Down syndrome and other genetic abnormalities that are now widely used by physicians and clinics.

Our clients include universities, colleges, and other academic and research institutions, as well as academic and teaching hospitals, post-secondary institutions, and a variety of scientific, technical, biotechnology, and medical research organizations—and the foundations that fund them. We work diligently and in partnership with institutional leaders and scientists to identify and protect discoveries that offer the greatest potential to become viable products and major sources of income for the future.

Our team understands the unique and complex ownership, licensing, commercialization, and enforcement issues educational and research institutions face daily. We advise on all areas of IP and technology transactional services, including counseling and best practices, patent prosecution, licensing, due diligence, opinions, patent infringement and enforcement litigation, and dispute resolution. We are assured in patent life cycle management and how sophisticated technologies become both viable and lucrative in myriad markets. We have earned the advanced technical degrees that provide the level of comfort needed to communicate seamlessly with scientists in academic and research environments.

Our firm is fluent in the trademark and copyright issues universities and research institutions encounter as information centers, and we strive to safeguard those rights from abuse and infringement. We are well-versed in fair use doctrine and advise on copyright policies that protect institutional clients from copyright misuse. Our talent in both prosecution and litigation across all intangible assets results in a strategic approach to problem solving and streamlined answers to the toughest questions.