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Understanding IP Ownership and Control in Due Diligence Part II: Third Party Challenges

In this episode of Choate's Intellectual Property Insights podcast, Charles Lyon, Margo Monroe, and Michael Schmitt continue their discussion on IP ownership and control in the context of IP due diligence, building on the foundational principles introduced in [Part I](#) of this series. As acquirers, investors, and licensees dig deeper into due diligence, understanding how intellectual property is owned, controlled, and shared, particularly in relationships with third parties, can reveal hidden risks that materially affect deal value.

This episode focuses on the more nuanced challenges that arise when reviewing a target company's IP arrangements, including licenses, collaborations, and other third party relationships. Together, the speakers highlight key diligence considerations designed to help stakeholders better assess IP risk, avoid surprises, and protect the long term value of critical IP assets.

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