

# How to Protect Your Ideas Before the Launch of a Software Start-up

How do you protect your ideas before you launch your novel software start-up? The Silicon Valley Software Law Blog explored this issue in the following blog post linked here:

<http://www.siliconvalleysoftwarelaw.com/tips-to-protecting-your-ideas-before-you-launch-your-software-start-up-company>

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## Consider Alternatives to Equity When Launching Your Start-up's First Development Project

If you are like many software start-ups, you probably think that equity is the only way to pay for your development work. However, this is not in fact the only option for a cash-strapped start-up, as the Silicon Valley Software Law Blog discussed in the blog post linked here:

<http://www.siliconvalleysoftwarelaw.com/equity-not-the-only-option-for-software-start-ups-hiring-first-developer>

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# How Does an Entrepreneur Protect His or Her Ideas for Launching a New Start-Up?

How do you protect your ideas for launching a new start-up? The Silicon Valley IP Licensing Law Blog addressed this issue in the following blog post:

<http://www.siliconvalleyiplicensinglaw.com/how-does-an-entrepreneur-protect-his-or-her-ideas-for-launching-a-new-start-up/>

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# Trying to Save Money by Handling Your Own Trademark Filings?

If you are like many small businesses and start-ups and are trying to save money by handling your own trademark filings, you may end up spending more money than you save as the Silicon Valley IP Licensing Law Blog discussed in the following blog post:

<http://www.siliconvalleyiplicensinglaw.com/trying-to-save-money-with-do-it-yourself-trademark-filings-how-to-avoid-creating-a-more-expensive-headache-for-yourself/>

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# **Start-ups Should Consider Collaboration Agreements as an Option to the Equity Agreement**

If you are like many start-ups, you are probably contemplating hiring contractors on an equity basis because you don't have cash to pay them for their services. But is this really a good idea? The Silicon Valley IP Licensing Law Blog looked at this issue and the collaboration agreement option in the following blog post:

<http://www.siliconvalleyiplicensinglaw.com/new-start-ups-should-consider-collaboration-agreement-as-alternative-to-equity-agreement/>

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## **IP Licensing and Start-up Lawyer Kristie Prinz to Speak at The Art of Telling Your Story Workshop**

IP Licensing and Start-up Lawyer Kristie Prinz to speak at The Art of Telling Your Story Workshop sponsored by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce/National Institute of Standards and Technology, Advanced Technology Program in San Jose on September 7, 2005.