

Technology and the Law Discussion Questions: Contracts & Employment Agreements and Consulting & other Agreements

1. Which aspects of employment agreements do you think are most helpful? Which are least helpful?
2. How do you see employment agreements being used in your own career, either as an employer or an employee?
3. Was there anything that concerned you about these employment agreements? Were there particular parts of the agreement that you found disturbing or that go beyond what seems fair?
4. Have you signed this kind of agreement in the past? Was it thoroughly explained to you as part of the hiring process or were you just told it was a "standard form"?
5. What do you think are the most attractive aspects of consulting and development agreements as presented in Legal Guide to Web & Software Development? Which are the least attractive? Are there any provisions in these agreements that seemed silly or excessive to you?
6. Do consulting and development agreements seem helpful to you or do they seem more like "legalese"?
7. Select one provision from these agreements and describe why you think it is something we all should be particularly mindful of if we are faced with drafting or signing these agreements.
8. How do you see consulting or independent contractor agreements being used in your future career?
9. How do you see website development agreements or custom software development agreements being used in your future career?
10. Would you feel comfortable negotiating or preparing these agreements yourself or would you seek assistance from an attorney? Have you thought about how you would find and select an attorney to help you?