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**Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox Helps Solve Inventor Disputes**  
*Establishes First Inventorship Dispute Resolution Service*

**WASHINGTON, D.C. – January 31, 2006** – Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox, an internationally recognized intellectual property law boutique, announced today the creation of its Inventorship Dispute Resolution (IDR) Service as an alternative to court for non-client, private and public parties facing litigation over inventor rights issues. This service provides specialized patent experts from Sterne Kessler, who act as credible and neutral third-parties in resolving inventor disputes efficiently and economically without having to go to court.

“Countless inventor disputes reach an impasse that cannot be fairly resolved by the attorneys involved in the case,” said Jorge Goldstein, Ph.D., the managing director of Sterne Kessler and lead attorney overseeing the IDR Service. “Inventorship issues are so specific that parties need scientific as well as intellectual property expertise. By creating this service, we inject that specific knowledge and skill into the process so parties have available to them arbiters who are strong in both areas.”

In recent years, inter-company, inter-academic, and academic-company collaborations have increased. As a result, inventorship disputes have become more common. But, resolving these complex issues requires patent and intellectual property expertise not found in the general legal marketplace.

“The World Intellectual Property Organization has long supported the alternative resolution of patent disputes and has trained intellectual property professionals to serve as arbiters. Providing a service focused on inventorship resolution is the next logical step for us,” stated Goldstein. We are thrilled to be the leader in this movement and formalize the IDR Service. The law community will benefit greatly from providing clients an efficient means to settle lingering inventor disputes.”

For more information about Sterne Kessler’s IDR Service, please visit [www.skgf.com/idr](http://www.skgf.com/idr).

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