## **Protecting Your Intellectual Property Rights in Software**

The most valuable asset of a business is its intellectual property, chief amongst which is software, especially for companies involved in software development in today's high technology environment. Thus, protecting intellectual property in software is more crucial than ever before in the success of any software business. This presentation will focus on the use of patent, copyright, trademark, trade secret and contract law to protect the intellectual property rights in software.

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