

# Tips for Raising Venture Capital: Commercial Contract Issues

In a **blog post**, DLA Piper partner **Jeff Lehrer** discusses some common commercial contract issues to watch out for as your company begins contracting with third parties and looks forward to the next venture round or potential acquisition.

He points out that it is important to address the critical intellectual property rights issues that will allow the protection of an idea in the commercial market.

Among the points he discusses: consider the impact that the agreement may have on the company's ability to pursue subsequent contracting opportunities; commercial agreements must clearly allocate ownership of IP; ensure compliance with open source licenses; and avoid being on the hook for uncapped liability.

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