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The inventorship guidelines will help everyone understand the boundaries of patent protections as AI is increasingly used in the inventive process. That may resolve some of the uncertainties that could otherwise slow the development and use of AI, said Randy McCarthy, an attorney at the law firm Hall Estill.

It's also consistent with how the US Copyright Office is approaching copyright protections in relation to AI, McCarthy added.

"Some sort of human agency is required, or no protection is available," he said. "A practical result is that, when creating a new design, artwork, invention, novel, or even computer code, a human can use an AI-based system to assist in the creation of this content, but must make sure that they are sufficiently involved in the process." READ MORE

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