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5 Red Flags of License Royalty Payment Problems



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If you are a licensor of intellectual property, royalty payments are at the core of the value of your business. Your investment of time, talent and capital is repaid in installments from licensees. They are not sharing in their success, but fulfilling their end of a business arrangement that benefits both parties.

Hopefully, all of your licensees are meeting their obligations and paying you the full amount of their contracted royalty fees, on time and without prompting. But that is not always the case. Whether inadvertently or deliberately, some licensees fail to live up to their agreements. How can you tell if you are being

shortchanged? Here are five "red flags" that may signal that you are not receiving your full due. Read more here.

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If you're part of a family business, you've taken pride in watching the company grow -and having family members be part of it. But at some point, you may want to step down from the leadership position. If you want your siblings or children to take the helm, make sure they're well equipped to rise to the challenge. Here are some considerations as you craft a succession plan.

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