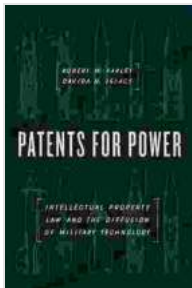


# Intellectual Property Law and the Diffusion of Military Technology

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The balance between these competing interests is a delicate one, and it is one that is constantly being tested as new technologies emerge and the global security landscape changes. In this book, we will explore the complex relationship between intellectual property law and the diffusion of military technology. We will examine how intellectual property rights can be

used to promote or hinder the spread of military technology, and how these rights can be balanced against other important interests, such as national security and public safety.

### **The Role of Intellectual Property Law in Promoting the Development and Spread of Military Technology**

Intellectual property law can play a significant role in promoting the development and spread of military technology. By providing inventors and investors with exclusive rights to their creations, intellectual property law creates incentives for innovation and investment. This, in turn, leads to the development of new and improved military technologies that can help to protect our national security and keep our troops safe.

For example, the development of the Global Positioning System (GPS) was largely driven by the intellectual property rights that were granted to the inventors of the technology. These rights allowed the inventors to profit from their invention, which in turn encouraged them to continue to invest in its development and improvement. As a result, GPS has become an indispensable tool for military operations around the world.

### **The Role of Intellectual Property Law in Hindering the Diffusion of Military Technology**

Intellectual property law can also be used to hinder the diffusion of military technology. By creating barriers to entry for new entrants and by limiting the ability of others to use or modify existing technology, intellectual property rights can make it difficult for new technologies to be developed and spread.

For example, the United States government has granted a number of patents on military technologies that are considered to be sensitive. These patents prevent other countries from developing or using these technologies without the permission of the United States government. This can make it difficult for other countries to develop their own military capabilities, and it can also increase the cost of acquiring military equipment from the United States.

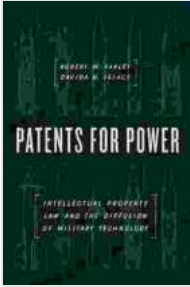
## **Balancing the Competing Interests**

The balance between the competing interests of promoting the development and spread of military technology and hindering its diffusion is a delicate one. It is a balance that is constantly being tested as new technologies emerge and the global security landscape changes.

There is no easy answer to the question of how to strike the right balance. However, it is important to be aware of the potential benefits and risks of intellectual property law in this context. By carefully considering the impact of intellectual property rights on the development and diffusion of military technology, we can help to ensure that these rights are used to promote our national security and protect our troops.

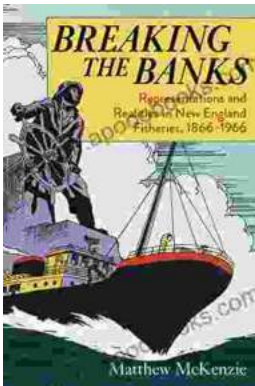
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