ABSTRACT

Thesis Title : Copyright Owner of Thesis Works

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The problem in Thailand concerning the question of copyright ownership of thesis works, as between the student and the university, has no definite solution and is an issue commonly discussed among lawyers. Various reasons are asserted according to either the opinion that the thesis belongs to the university, or alternately the student, however, no certain conclusion has ever been reached. I propose to raise this question conclusion. The research was undertaken through the examination of the acquisition of copyrights as stipulated in the Copyright Act B.E.2537 and international Copyright Acts, as well as comparison with thesis management procedures in several universities which are consistent with the regulations of the Ministry of University Affairs.

The research revealed, that according to procedures of thesis management in several universities, as stipulated by the curriculum, the student himself, was charged with management of the thesis. Therefore, it is the author's conclusion, that the copyright owner of thesis works should be under the student's possession