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Submission Deadline

The deadline for the submission of the assignment is **Monday night December 16th, 2024, at 12:00 AM** on CU Online. Nobody is allowed to send assignments through emails or WhatsApp. Late submission is not acceptable.

Study and analyse the following case studies and answer accordingly. CLO-4

Question No. 1

You are the vice president for software development at a small, private firm. Sales of your firm's products have been strong, but you recently detected a patent infringement by one of your larger competitors. Your in-house legal staff has identified three options: (1) ignore the infringement out of fear that your larger competitor will file numerous countersuits; (2) threaten to file suit, but try to negotiate an out-of-court settlement for an amount of money that you feel your larger competitor would readily pay; or (3) point out the infringement and negotiate aggressively for a cross-licensing agreement with the competitor, which has numerous patents you had considered licensing. Which option would you pursue and why?

Question No. 2.

Your friend has e-mailed you the URL of a new Web site that permits free music downloading. The site maintains a central database of thousands of the most current and popular music tracks. You vaguely remember that the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) issued thousands of subpoenas to Internet service providers across the United States in an attempt to get the names of people downloading large volumes of music illegally. But this is legal, isn't it? You are simply downloading from a central database; you're not sharing your music with others. Are there any legal or ethical issues that would keep you from using this Web site?