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For good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, Michael D. Hooven (hereinafter referred to as Assignor) assigns to AtriCure, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as Assignee), an Ohio corporation, having a principal place of business at 6033 Schumacher Park Drive, West Chester, Ohio 45069, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title and interest throughout the world (1) in Assignor's invention in Articulated Clamping Member, as described in the Utility Patent Application Serial No. 10/263,386 for Letters Patent of the United States therefor, and filed on October 2, 2002, and (2) in any and all other United States applications, regular and provisional, and applications in any and all countries which Assignor may file, either solely or jointly with others, on said invention, (3) in any and all Letters Patent of the United States or of any other country which may be obtained on any of the said applications, (4) in any division, continuation, reexamination, reissue or extension of any of the foregoing, and (5) if any above United States application is provisional, in any regular application referring thereto pursuant to 35 USC 119(e) or other internal priority legislation.

Assignor hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents to issue any Letters Patent on said invention or improvement to AtriCure, Inc..

Assignor warrants that he is the owner of the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention and patent application herein assigned and has the right to make this assignment; and further warrants that there are no outstanding prior assignments, licenses, or other rights whatsoever in the interest herein assigned.

Assignor hereby agrees upon the request and at the expense of said Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to execute any and all regular, divisional, continuation, and renewal applications for said invention, and any necessary oath or supplemental oath or affidavit relating thereto, and any application for the reissue or extension of any Letters Patent that may be granted upon said application that said Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns may deem necessary or expedient.

Assignor further agrees upon the request of said Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in the event of said application, or any regular application referring thereto, or any continuation or division thereof, or Letters Patent issued thereon, or any reissue or application for the reissue thereof becoming involved in Interference or any other contested matter to cooperate to the best of his ability with said Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns in the matters of preparing and executing the preliminary statement or other such document and giving and producing evidence in support thereof. Assignor further agrees to perform, upon such request, any and all affirmative acts to obtain said Letters Patent, and vest all rights therein hereby conveyed in the said Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns whereby said Letters Patent will be held and enjoyed by the said Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns to the end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by Assignor if this assignment and sale had not been made.

Assignor also, to the extent not set forth above, assigns to said Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns the entire right, title and interest in said invention for any and all foreign countries and the right of priority for patent and utility model applications in all countries arising under any applicable international convention for the protection of industrial property and/or any internal priority legislation of such countries, and Assignor agrees upon the request of said Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns to execute any and all documents that shall be required to be executed in connection with any and all applications for foreign Letters Patent thereof, including the prosecution thereof, and to execute any and all documents necessary to invest title in said foreign applications and patents in said Assignee.



 Michael D. Hooven

Date 4/15/02

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