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Takeaways:

1. An accepting, caring attitude is a very important part of a statistical consultant's job- it goes beyond solving a problem and centers much more on building an effective working relationship to encourage fruitful communication.
2. There are many scenarios in which a consultant may want to negotiate their role on a particular project, perhaps in addition to terms like contract pay and benefits. This can occur even if there is a large gap in prestige favoring the client, in which case the consultant should negotiate based on the principles of the matters they disagree with.
3. Statistical consultant should be considered as valid co-authors or co-grantees when appropriate, and not simply disqualified because of their role as a consultant, even though the odds of them being granted that privilege are not always in their favor.

Questions:

1. Are statistical consultants still often hired in academia these days? Or has a divide emerged between statistical faculty (in academia) and consultants (in the corporate sphere)?
2. How can a statistical consultant delve into the role of teacher when they are dealing with a client who has much more prestige than they do?
3. What kinds of mistakes can lead to a legitimate statistical malpractice suit in statistical consulting?