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Technology Transfer and Academic/Industry Collaborations in the U.S.

by

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Abstract :

Dr. Nathan Letts, a PhD organic chemist and experienced patent attorney visiting from the United States, will discuss technology transfer and lessons learned from experience at a San Francisco start-up establishing collaborations between companies, universities, and government laboratories. Dr. Letts was responsible for negotiating a number of agreements with academic researchers including those funded by the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI) that formed the basis for diagnostic submissions and approvals from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). He will also discuss several intellectual property lessons from his experience working with universities and small companies.

About Dr. Letts:

Dr. Nathan Letts has nearly 20 years of experience in life science patent law. He currently works as a Senior Counsel at The Eclipse Group in North Carolina. He received a PHD in organic chemistry from Columbia University under Professor Ronald Breslow. He received JD from Fordham Law School. In New York City he worked at Cooper & Dunham LLP as a Scientific Advisor and Pennie & Edmonds (now Jones Day) as an Associate in their biotech/pharma group. From 2001-2007 he was sole in-house counsel at diaDexus, Inc. in San Francisco where he served in a number of roles of increasing responsibility including Vice President Intellectual Property & Licensing.

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