

## **2023 PIUG Best Practices - Faculty Biographies**

### **John Zabilski**

John Zabilski is the Chair of the PIUG Education Committee. Previously he held multiple positions for over 40 years at Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS) including indexing, development, training and consulting on how to search for patent information. John has provided onsite and online training in the agrochemical, biotech, chemical, pharma and polymer areas for many organizations including 3M, AbbVie, Corteva, Dow, Eli Lilly, Lubrizol, P&G, Pfizer and multiple universities. Some of his personal milestones include training at 10 patent offices around the world, contributing to presentations for the WIPO Technology Innovation Support Centers (TISC), and presenting at AALL, ACS, PIUG, SLA and world online meetings including the China Patent Annual Conference in Beijing. John is a Registered U.S. Patent Agent and a Qualified Patent Information Professional (QPIP)

### **Andrea Davis**

Andrea Davis is an accomplished intellectual property professional with expertise in medical devices and the mechanical sector. Ms. Davis is one of a few Qualified Patent Information Professionals and a US registered patent agent with a M.Sc. degree in Engineering Physics. She is the founder of Bodkin IP, a US-based patent information consulting firm. Ms. Davis is actively involved in the Patent Information Users Group (PIUG), a cofounder of the Patent Olympiad, an expert witness for IPR estoppel challenges and a reviewer for the Elsevier Journal "World Patent Information". A frequent conference presenter on the subject of patent searching, Ms. Davis is also a Stu Kaback Business Impact Award Winner and the recipient of the PIUG Service Award.

### **Dominic DeMarco**

Dominic DeMarco is an expert patent searcher in the field of engineering. With a degree in Engineering from the University of Virginia, Dominic has performed or reviewed over ten thousand patent searches across the past two decades.

Dominic is a registered US Patent Agent and he is a self-professed jack-of-all-trades with experience in wide swathes of technology including biomedical, chemical, computer, electrical, and mechanical engineering. For over a decade, Dominic has been a highly rated patent search instructor for PIUG and other organizations. In his free time, he manages the patent search firm DeMarco IP and goes on ridiculously long bicycle rides.

### **Martha Yates**

Martha Yates is currently a Senior Principal Information Scientist and Science Fellow for Bayer Crop Science in St. Louis. Prior to that, she was a patent scientist and a scientific searcher. Martha has been in the information industry for over 25 years with Bayer, Monsanto and Mallinckrodt Medical. She has a B.A. in Biology from Colorado College and a M.S. in Biochemistry and M.S.L.S. in Library Science from the University of Kentucky. She is also a registered patent agent and a registered Qualified Patent Information Professional (QPIP). Martha was the chair of PIUG from 2016- 2020 and the immediate past chair 2020-2022 and currently the vice chair for special projects until 2024. She was the recipient of the PIUG Stu Kaback Business Impact Award in 2020.

### **Ron Kaminecki**

Ron Kaminecki has worked with technical, scientific, and legal researchers in various capacities, as Manager, Advisor, and Director, mostly at Dialog under its various owners, and has been employed at several companies, always in the area of patent information. Currently, he is consulting at Kaminecki IP LLC and teaching patent searching at DePaul and the University of New Hampshire law schools. Ron is a Patent Attorney with a BS in Chemistry, MS in Computer Science, JD with a Certificate in Patent Law and is also a Qualified Patent Information Professional.