

Best Practices Biographies

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 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.

Greg Roland

Since November 2014, Greg Roland has been the Global Head of Search and Analytics within the Research and Development IP group at the Novartis Institutes of BioMedical Research leading a team of chemistry and biology information professionals who support patent practitioners in the preparation and prosecution of Novartis inventions. Greg has 33 years of experience in the pharmaceutical industry spending the last 23 years providing information support to IP and BD&L.

Greg started his pharma career in 1990 as a bench scientist at Parke-Davis in Ann Arbor, Michigan as a member of the anti-infective group. After Pfizer acquired Parke-Davis in 2000, Greg managed a team of biomedical, chemistry and CI professionals. In 2005, Greg transitioned to Pfizer's Patent department as part of the Global Legal Information Science Team managing teams at four sites. In August of 2009, he joined Merck's Knowledge Discovery Knowledge Management group in World Wide Licensing as a Director in Boston. Greg has a B.S and M.S from Eastern Michigan University in Biology with a concentration in Microbiology.

John Zabilski

John Zabilski is currently the Chair of the PIUG Education Committee. John is a Registered U.S. Patent Agent and a Qualified Patent Information Professional (QPIP). He has served as the coordinator for PIUG patent training and instructor for the chemical portion of the PIUG Patent Fundamentals course.

For more than 40 years, John has held multiple roles in Chemical database creation, development, support and training at Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS). John has provided onsite/online training in the agrochemical, biotechnology, chemical, pharmaceutical and polymer areas for many major organizations including AbbVie, Corteva, Dow, Eli Lilly, Lubrizol, P&G, 3M, Pfizer and multiple universities. Some of his personal milestones include training at 10 patent offices around the world, developing PIUG presentations for the WIPO Technology Innovation Support Centers (TISC), and presenting at AALL, ACS, PIUG, SLA, and international meetings including the China Patent Annual Conference in Beijing.