

Instructor Bios

Dominic DeMarco is the Managing Director of DeMarco Intellectual Property, LLC, a patent search firm focused on serving the needs of patent attorneys in the areas of prosecution, product clearance, and litigation. The firm currently employs eight full time professional patent researchers.

Dominic was originally taught to search the infamous shoes at the USPTO's Public Search Room during the 1990's and was of the lucky generation able to transition their skills to the computerized systems used today by patent information professionals. He is a registered US patent agent (#49,015) with a degree in chemical engineering from the University of Virginia.

Greg Roland is currently the Global Head of Search and Analytics within the patent department at the Novartis Institutes of BioMedical Research (NIBR) located in Cambridge, MA. Greg has 25 years of experience in the pharmaceutical industry and searching the biotechnology patent literature, including BLAST searching, for over 16 years. He started his career as a bench scientist at Parke-Davis in Ann Arbor Michigan in the antiinfective group in 1990 doing *in vivo* and *in vitro* evaluation of novel anti-bacterial mechanism. In 1999 he transitioned to the Research Library at Parke-Davis taking on the role of supporting FTO requests for research tools. After Pfizer acquired Parke-Davis in 2000, Greg moved to a management role while continuing to be an individual contributor in the patent space and leading 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 (GLIST) management team where he was a regional manager of team of information professionals at five sites. In August of 2009 he joined the Merck's Knowledge Discovery Knowledge Management (KDKM) group in World Wide Licensing as a Director where he was responsible for the pre-clinical competitive intelligence for Oncology, Inflammation and Biologics as well as lead editor of the pre-clinical in house competitor compound database.

John Zabilski is currently a Senior Application Specialist with Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS). John's primary responsibility is customer training and he has provided training and search consultation at numerous chemical and pharmaceutical companies including Dow, Pfizer, Abbott, Merck, Eastman, and PPG. He has presented and provided training on searching patent information at the PIUG, ACS, SLA, AALL, and International Online meetings. John has provided training at the US, Canadian, Singapore, Malaysian, and Korean patent offices. John is a registered US Patent Agent (No. 59,626) and also the chairman of the Patent Information Users Group (PIUG) Education and Training Committee.