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America Invents Act – How Patent Reform Will Affect Universities

The America Invents Act was signed into law by President Obama on September 16, 2011. The stated intent of the bill was to bring the US patent system up to date with most other industrialized nations, and to remove perceived impediments to innovation inherent in the old system. Besides the new 'first to file' rule, many other changes found in the new law could have a significant effect on university inventors. Listen to Ray Van Dyke explain the new law and answer your questions.



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Mr. Van Dyke has over twenty years of experience representing technology companies in diverse fields of intellectual property law, and his extensive technical background in computer software, digital rights, and other information-based technologies is coupled with considerable skill in the life sciences, biotechnology, chemical, and other arts. Van Dyke is an adjunct professor at American University, Washington College of Law, and also an adjunct professor at Southern Methodist University, where he teaches classes covering the history of technology and law, intellectual property law, and technology law.

Basics of University Startups

University start-ups play an important role in the commercialization process. But how does a researcher get a new business venture up and running, and create it to be sustainable over the long term? VTIP is pleased to welcome Ken Maready of Hutchison Law Group as our guest speaker to lead the discussion on developing a strategy for building a successful university start-up company. Ken will describe the startup process and answer your questions.



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Ken provides legal counsel to entrepreneurs and technology companies, primarily regarding corporate, securities, contract and intellectual property issues, with a particular emphasis on startups, spinouts and angel or venture financings. Maready served as General Counsel & Director of Strategic Affairs at venture-backed Integrian, Inc. Following his tenure at Integrian, Maready relocated to Blacksburg and established a practice serving entrepreneurs and startups in Blacksburg and Roanoke. He now oversees Hutchison Law Group's office in Blacksburg.

Making Connections is a forum designed to inform the Virginia Tech community of important issues relating to the technology transfer mission of the university. These periodic seminars address topics such as invention disclosure, patent law, licensing and commercialization as they relate to VT policies and the role of faculty in research, publication and education. Space for this event is limited; RSVP to Michael Miller, Senior Licensing Manager at VTIP – mmiller@vtip.org or call 443-9218.