



MARCH OF DIMES HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE WEEK



PANELIST PROFILE

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What do you do and why it is important? I am primarily responsible for generating and evaluating all licensing agreements, evaluating invention disclosures, managing Salk's trademark portfolios, and providing guidance on intellectual property strategies.

How did you learn about this career? I learned about technology transfer when I worked in the early 2000's as a Research Admin/Project Manager for the GEL-W and IMPL-Y laboratories at Salk.

Why are you passionate about your work and how long have you been doing it? Being an attorney is one of the best jobs of any profession. As an attorney you have to think quickly on your feet, communicate effectively, have pride in your work, exercise integrity, and exercise the balance of power and discretion both in the courtroom and outside the courtroom. I have been practicing law (as a licensed attorney) for almost 7 years; however, I started in the legal profession (as a judicial law clerk) almost 10 years ago.