

Brief Bio

Michael Donovan IP and Legal Affairs Officer

Michael J. Donovan, PhD, JD, has advanced training in science (microbiology and immunology) and law. For more than the last decade, Michael worked as a registered patent attorney, first in private practice at two large law firms and later as an in-house attorney at The Translational Genomics Research Institute (TGen) and the IP Director at CommonSpirit Health (f.k.a. Dignity Health). In his private practice, Michael worked with inventors to identify new technologies and prepare and file the associated patent applications. Through this work, he has gained extensive experience in IP strategy in the pharmaceutical space, including conducting freedom-to-operate and invalidity/non-infringement opinions. At TGen and CommonSpirit, Michael worked to identify and protect novel medical innovations and then market and commercialize the identified technologies. He has negotiated dozens of license deals between his clients and other organizations, including pharmaceutical startups and big-pharma companies. In addition, Michael was the sole monitor of Dignity's warrants portfolio and served as Dignity's representative on the Board of Managers for Northwest Medical Isotopes, a startup working with radiopharmaceuticals.