Intellectual Property: Career Panel
Tuesday, April 23rd, 2019 - 9:30-10:30am
Location: GAP Lounge THSL

Join us to discuss career options surrounding intellectual property. Hear about career paths, day to day job requirements, and career advice.

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Dr. Cindy Bott focuses her practice on the biotechnology and pharmaceutical industries advising clients on a wide range of intellectual property issues. She helps clients to obtain robust patents in the U.S. and worldwide, and to develop effective global patent strategies. She possesses a technical background in biochemistry, cell biology, molecular biology, and immunology and has extensive in-house experience as patent counsel for Pfizer and Procter & Gamble Pharmaceuticals.

Kelly B Sexton, Ph.D.: Associate Vice President for Research - Technology Transfer and Innovation, University of Michigan

Kelly works closely with the vice president for research as well as other leaders across the university to provide visionary and strategic leadership of UM’s innovation and technology transfer activities, including the Office of Technology Transfer. In this role, she supports and encourages university-wide programs for intellectual property development, innovation, and engagement with business, venture, and government communities in the region, across the nation, and around the globe.

James O. Wilson, M.S.: Assistant Regional Director of the Elijah J. McCoy Midwest Regional Office (USPTO)

James O. Wilson has been a member of the US Patent and Trademark Office since January of 1989. He received his BS Degree in Zoology from Howard University in 1984 and a MS Degree in Cellular and Molecular Biology from the University of Michigan in 1987. He has served on the Executive Board of the Patent & Trademark Office Society and continues to be an active member of the organization. As a Primary Examiner, James served as a Chemical Representative in Patent Office Professional Association. Mr. Wilson became a Supervisory Patent Examiner in 2002. In 2007, Mr. Wilson served as a managerial Detaillee to the Office of the Commissioner for Patents.