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# Spring 2011 IBB NIH Biotechnology Lecture Series



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**Wednesday**  
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**3-4 PM**  
**BioScience Research**  
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*Presents the NIH Biotechnology Lecture ...*

## **"IP for the Biosciences"**

William (Bill) Ramey is the chair of the life science practice group at Novak Druce + Quigg LLP and his practice concentrates on obtaining, enforcing and licensing intellectual property, including patents, trademarks, copyrights and trade secrets. He also has extensive technical and patent prosecution/ preparation experience. Mr. Ramey has been involved in many patent, trade secret, trademark and copyright disputes. He has prepared numerous opinions on intellectual property rights regarding validity, infringement and freedom to operate, and he has written more than 300 patents and prosecuted many more.

Among the technologies with which he has experience are biotechnology and pharmaceuticals, including biochemistry, cell immunology, small molecule and cell biology; mechanical, including oil field technology and service tools, medical devices and other complex mechanical applications related to downhole applications and methods; chemical, including applications related to the polymer arts and agricultural chemicals and equipment; and electrical, including computer programs and semiconductors.

Prior to joining Novak Druce + Quigg, Mr. Ramey worked in private practice where he has substantial experience as a first chair lawyer litigating intellectual property and related trade secret disputes, drafting and prosecuting patent applications, conducting prior art searches and drafting opinions, including patentability, non-infringement/ infringement, validity and freedom to practice.

Mr. Ramey also has experience working as a patent attorney for Fortune 500 firm, where he worked on due diligence for assessing portfolios for acquisition of new technologies and assessing the patent positions of the entities for acquisition, negotiating and reviewing contracts, Abbreviated New Drug Application (ANDA) procedures, and conducting training.

*Undergraduate, graduate, and postdoctoral students and fellows are especially encouraged to attend.*