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Prior to his current role, Michael was the Manager of Technology Commercialization, and Manager of New Ventures & Regional Engagement for Lawrence Livermore National Security, LLC. Previous roles include IP Licensing Manager at the University of Michigan, and the founding Director of Intellectual Property (IP) Management & Commercialization at Western Michigan University.

In total, Michael has over 22 years of experience making and overseeing investment decisions in early-stage technologies and in managing all aspects of the commercialization process. He has negotiated numerous license agreements and has helped launch multiple start-up companies in a wide variety of industries and markets. He has also had the opportunity to participate in angel investor training and served for several years as a board member for a \$12 million pre-seed stage investment fund, and subsequently co-founded an early-stage venture investment company.

Michael is also an author of several peer-reviewed publications on IP management, innovation, and technology commercialization and has given invited presentations on these topics. He is currently a member of AUTM's IP/Technology Valuation Committee, and holds a Ph.D. from Michigan State University and a Master's degree in business from Purdue University.

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