



## Life Sciences Luncheon & Forum

### *Privacy and Data Security*

January 31, 2018  
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.  
NC Biotechnology Center

11:30 a.m. Registration

11:35 a.m. Welcome and Sponsor Remarks – **Sam Taylor**, President, NC BIO

- **Donnelley Financial Solutions**, Forrest Doane, Director
- **Michael Best & Friedrich LLP**, Lisa Mueller, Managing Partner, Raleigh Office  
Industry Group Chair, Life Sciences

11:45 a.m. Lunch

12:10 p.m. Panel Session: Privacy and Data Security

- **Brandon Champion**, Chief Information Security Officer, Syneos Health
- **Adrienne Ehrhardt**, Practice Group Chair, Privacy & Data Security, Michael Best & Friedrich LLP
- **Paulette Mara**, Partner, Michael Best & Friedrich LLP
- **Ted Midthun**, Associate Director of IT, FUJIFILM Diosynth Biotechnologies
- **Moderator: Sean Blake**, Director, Information Services, BioCryst  
Pharmaceuticals

1:25 p.m. Closing - **Sam Taylor**, President, NC BIO

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## Speaker Bios



**Sean Blake**, Director, Information Services, BioCryst Pharmaceuticals

Mr. Blake has more than 20 years of experience in IT leadership roles for life science organizations. He joined BioCryst Pharmaceuticals in 2015 as the Director, Information Services. Prior to joining BioCryst, he served as the Director of Operations for an international NGO responsible for the service desk and international IT operations. He previously held IT leadership roles for Inspire Pharmaceuticals and Eli Lilly and Company. He holds a B.S. in Information Systems Management from the University of Maryland Baltimore County.



**Brandon Champion**, Chief Information Security Officer, Syneos Health

Mr. Champion has over 20 years of technology and security experience and joined Syneos Health in 2018. Previously, he was the Director of Global Information Security at Qorvo Inc., an international S&P 500 semiconductor company. Additionally, Mr. Champion serves as a Chief Warrant Officer in the Army National Guard and is assigned to North Carolina's Defensive Cyber Operations Team. He is also an adjunct professor for several universities. Mr. Champion earned an M.S. in IT from University of Maryland University College and a B.S. in Applied IT from University of Baltimore. He holds many certifications, including CISSP, Certified Ethical Hacker and Project Management Professional.



**Adrienne Ehrhardt**, Practice Group Chair, Privacy & Data Security, Michael Best & Friedrich LLP

Ms. Ehrhardt counsels clients on the many complex aspects of privacy and data management matters. Prior to joining Michael Best, she served as the in-house lead attorney in privacy and data protection at CUNA Mutual Group. She also served as Associate General Counsel at Land's End, Inc., where she managed litigation, counseled the company on internal legal matters and negotiated and drafted a variety of transactional agreements. Previously, she was a member of the commercial litigation practices of two international business law firms, and began her career as a Judicial Law Clerk in United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.



**Paulette Mara**, Partner, Michael Best & Friedrich LLP

Ms. Mara has more than 25 years of experience representing life science companies, financial institutions and financial services companies in complex regulatory, transactional, and litigation matters. Drawing on her substantial industry background, she can navigate clients' needs from their perspective, and add substantive and insightful counsel to address issues cross-functionally. Prior to joining the firm, she worked at two AmLaw 100 law firms and in-house at major healthcare and pharmaceutical companies. Most recently, Ms. Mara was a partner at a New York City law firm, serving the life sciences and financial services industries.



**Ted Midthun**, Associate Director of IT, FUJIFILM Diosynth Biotechnologies

Mr. Midthun joined FUJIFILM Diosynth Biotechnologies (then Covance Biotech) in 1999 as an IT Help Desk Technician. FUJIFILM is a cGMP Contract Development and Manufacturing Organization (CDMO) supporting partners in the biopharmaceutical industry with the development and production of biologic, vaccines and advanced therapies. During his tenure at the company, his responsibilities have progressed to include application, network, server, and storage administration. Currently, Mr. Midthun is serving as Associate Director of IT. He holds a B.S. in Computer Engineering from NC State University.