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Biographies



Sian Catherine Goodwin is currently Head of Search, Evaluation & Licensing for Cytiva (formerly GE Healthcare) based in Marlborough, Massachusetts.

Sian has more than 15 years of licensing experience and started her scientific career as a laboratory technician for a cancer research charity in Cardiff, South Wales and then a quality control technician role at Norgine Pharmaceuticals. From there, she joined Amersham International where she had roles in manufacturing, R&D and project management in South Wales and London. In 2000 she transitioned to roles with a commercial focus as a Product Manager then Marketing Manager.

In 2004, shortly after Amersham International was acquired by GE, she relocated to New Jersey to take up a dedicated licensing role and moved to Marlborough, Massachusetts in 2015. She is an active member of the Licensing Executives Society, USA & Canada and is on the Board of Governors for Certified Licensing Professional Inc and A Plus Education and Performing Arts Inc. She has a B.Sc (Hons) in Applied Biological Sciences and is a Certified Licensing Professional (CLP). Sian also holds positions on several Life Sciences advisory panels for Universities



Don Drinkwater is the Director of Licensing for Bose Corporation where he is responsible for licensed technologies used in Bose products. Don's experience with LES include the trustee of Member Engagement for which he served for six years, the chair of the High-Tech Sector for the period 2009 to 2010 and the chair of the Computer Hardware and Consumer Electronics committee. Don has articles published in les Nouvelles & IEEE publications.

He previously directed licensing activities for 3Com Corp., Digital Equipment Corp. and Compaq Computer as well as a Director for PWC's Intellectual Asset Mgmt practice.

Don holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in electrical engineering from the University of Massachusetts at Lowell, a Master of Science Degree in electrical engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute, and a Master of Business Administration from Clark University. Don is a member of Eta Kappa Nu (the honor society of the Institute of Electronic and Electrical Engineers "IEEE") and has taught for 15 years teaching at the University of Massachusetts at Lowell.



JIN YANG ("Victor") is the Chairman and CEO, Purplevine IP Group (Shenzhen) and Vice President and Group General Counsel, TCL Technology Group Corporation – a position he had held since July 2012.

Before this position he held various corporate and legal positions including Chief Counsel, Alstom Power, Northeast Asia & China and General Manager of Beijing Spirit Consulting Co., Ltd., Co-founder and COO, Beijing Fudao.net Information Technology Co., Ltd. And associate in both the Beijing Tianyuan Law Firm and the King & Wood Law Firm. He has advanced degrees from the University of Cambridge

(UK) and Beijing Foreign Affairs University.



Sarita Venkat is the Head of IP Transactions at Apple Inc. She previously managed complex, high profile patent and commercial litigations worldwide at Apple. She has held in-house positions at ServiceNow and Abbott Laboratories Inc. managing transactions and litigation. She is a registered patent attorney, has a B.S. in Biology and a minor in Psychology.

She is a Board member of CHIPs, a non-profit organization dedicated to the advancement of women in technology, law, and policy. She also serves as a board member for South Asian Bar Association – Northern California. She has been named one of Silicon Valley Business Journal's Women of Influence, Recorder's Women Leaders in Tech Law, a Corporate IP Star by Managing IP and has been presented with the Corporate Counsel award by the South Asian Bar Association.

She is admitted to practice in Illinois, California, and the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and is the co-creator of the "Heels of Justice" podcast along with Katherine Minarik.