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UMBI Law Internships: A Benefit to the State of Maryland

Rockville, MD- Since FY 2000, the number of issued patents at UMBI has risen over 400 percent thanks in part to the hard work of the law student interns who dedicate their time to not only learning the cutting-edge science behind these scientific technologies but also working to get them patented all while practicing their skills as future attorneys. Each year since 2004, UMBI actively recruits second year law students from the University of Baltimore and the University of Maryland to intern in its Asset Protection and Commercialization (APC) division. This relationship not only provides an excellent learning opportunity for law students but also saves the state thousands of dollars and has given two recent interns a firm stepping stone toward greater career opportunities.

Leonard Monfredo, currently a University of Maryland law student, has accepted a summer associate position with Fish & Richardson P.C. in their New York office assisting with patent related cases, both in litigation and prosecution. He interned with UMBI from May 2006 to April 2007.



"My work at UMBI certainly helped me land the job. UMBI provided me with the opportunity to see many inventions progress from preliminary ideas to full blown commercial products. Observing this technology lifecycle was crucial to my understanding how IP law is practiced, and it has helped tremendously in my new position," says Monfredo.

Another student, Jason Navari, interned with UMBI from Feb. 2006 to May 2007, assisting with patent-related matters including filing of provisional patent applications. After graduating from law school at the University of Baltimore in 2007, he accepted an

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Association position with Intellectual Property Technology Law, scheduled to begin on Aug. 1. IPTL is one of several law firms prosecuting patent matters for UMBI.

“Working at UMBI while in law school offered a window on the technology transfer process and allowed me to utilize my patent agent status in a practical setting. The exposure to the wide range of technologies being developed at UMBI coupled with the patent prosecution experience were both attributes to my resume”, says Navari.

For information on UMBI law internships, please contact Dean Drake, Associate Vice President, Office of Research and Development at 410-385-6330.

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With research centers in Baltimore, Rockville, and College Park, the University of Maryland Biotechnology Institute is the newest of 13 institutions forming the University System of Maryland. UMBI has 85 ladder-ranked faculty and a 2006 budget of \$60 million. Celebrating the institution’s 20th year of service to Maryland and the world, UMBI is led by microbiologist and former biotechnology executive Dr. Jennie C. Hunter-Cevera. For more information, please visit www.umbi.umd.edu.