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April 29  
4:00 - 6:00pm

### The Race for Governor: Democratic Candidates Forum

May 20  
6:00pm - 7:00pm

### The Race for Governor: Republican Candidates Forum

May 27  
6:00pm - 7:00pm

### BioBash at Sweetwater Brewery

June 1  
5:30pm - 8:30pm

## → Top Lawyers Translate Impact of Health Care Reform Legislation

Representatives of five top law firms will participate in a panel session hosted by Georgia Bio (GaBio) Thursday, April 29, from 4 pm to 6 pm, to translate the landmark federal health care reform legislation.

This unique event will bring together experts from Alston & Bird, Arnall Golden Gregory, Kilpatrick Stockton, King & Spalding and Thompson Hine to guide Georgia's life sciences community through major portions of nearly 2,000 pages of new health care law.

The lawyers will focus on elements of the health care reform bill critical to pharmaceutical, biotech and medical device companies, hospitals, physicians groups, and universities. In addition to specific business-related aspects of the legislation, the discussion will involve the implications for patients and employers, in general.

Participating on the panel are **William H. Kitchens** of Arnall Golden Gregory, **Walt Addison Linscott** of Thompson Hine, **Richard L. Shackelford** of King & Spalding, **Phillip H. Street** of Kilpatrick Stockton, and **Timothy P. Trysla** of Alston & Bird. The moderator will be **Melissa Bishop-Murphy**, Senior Director of National Government Relations and Multicultural Affairs for Pfizer.

The panel discussion will be followed by a reception from 6 pm to 7:30 pm at GTRI, 250 14th Street, NW Atlanta, GA 30318. The event is free for GaBio members who register in advance. Registration for GaBio members at the door is \$10. Registration for non-GaBio members, in advance or at the door, is \$25.

[Click here for more details and to register.](#)

## → GaBio-KSU to Hold Gubernatorial Candidate Forums in May

Life sciences economic development, science education in k-12 schools and the impact of federal health care reform will be the major topics of discussion at Democratic and Republican gubernatorial candidate forums in May organized by Georgia Bio and hosted by Kennesaw State University's (KSU) College of Science and Mathematics.

"These forums will give Georgia's gubernatorial candidates an opportunity to address three issues that are critical to our state's future: the significance of high-paying, advanced technology job growth; the importance of science and math education; and the impact of federal health care reform," said **Charles Craig**,

## FEATURED INDUSTRY EVENT

### [Urology Innovation Convention](#)

Date: Evening of May 13 and  
day of May 14, 2010

Location: Atlanta, GA -  
Georgia Tech Hotel and  
Conference Center

<http://uroinvent2010.gatech.edu/>

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“Kennesaw State is honored to partner with Georgia Bio in hosting what we expect to be a lively exchange of ideas on critical topics,” said **Laurence I. Peterson**, dean of KSU’s College of Science and Mathematics. “The debates will spotlight the important life sciences profession, as well as issues that matter to the students, faculty and staff within our college and the community at large. We look forward to welcoming the gubernatorial candidates and special guests to KSU for these important events.”

Both forums will be held in KSU’s College of Science and Mathematics 200-seat auditorium. The Democratic candidates’ forum will be **Thursday, May 20, from 6 pm to 7 pm**. The Republican candidates’ forum will be **Thursday, May 27, from 6 pm to 7 pm**. There is no charge, but registration is required through GaBio’s website ([www.gabio.org](http://www.gabio.org)).

The moderator will be **Richard Warner**. Mr. Warner is a longtime radio and television business commentator in Atlanta, including more than a decade on FOX5’s “Good Day Atlanta” and 30 years at Georgia Public Television.



## ELN’s Jim Heitner Shares Tips for Finding Career of Choice


By: Lydia Morris  
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For **Jim Heitner**, owner of the privatized technology commercialization company Ripple Management, networking has been integral to his success as a biotechnology administrator and entrepreneur. Jim is a prime example of how making contacts and a bit of good fortune go a long way in attaining a career of choice.

“My first networking stroke of luck occurred during undergrad while taking an introduction to biotechnology class at the University of Georgia.” said Jim. After getting to know the professor outside of class, he recommended Jim seek out opportunities through the technology commercialization office at UGA. Through that connection Jim was able to secure an internship normally reserved for MBA students.

Though his major was biochemistry and molecular biology, biotechnology appealed to his diverse interests. “[This] was the perfect fit for me because it’s an intersection of the sciences applied to both business and law principles...and in this field, networking is really important” Jim explained.

After working in technology licensing for several years at both Cornell University and Paradigm Genetics, Inc., Jim accepted a licensing associate position at the Emory University office of Technology Transfer (OTT). Because Georgia Bio was also housed at the Emory OTT, Jim inevitably became



involved and began attending networking events. He ultimately signed on as the Emerging Leaders Network (ELN) small group dinner series coordinator and continues to play an active role in ELN.

Attending events and being actively engaged, according to Jim, has been the best way to make connections with new people. “When I meet new people I’m not just thinking about what’s in it for me. I’m thinking about how they might benefit from opportunities with other people.” Jim elaborated.

After two years as the managing principle of the Georgia Venture Partners (GVP)—and many years of hard work— Jim founded Ripple Management in November 2009. A major goal as the company grows is to differentiate and outsource particular functions. After years of networking, especially through groups like ELN and the National Association of Asian American Professionals, Jim will undoubtedly have no problem finding people to fill needed roles.

The aim of ELN, a GaBio division, is to provide emerging and established professionals within the Georgia life sciences with opportunities to obtain contacts and mentorship through networking and educational programming.

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