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Protecting the Pot of Gold: *Patent Applications for Therapeutic Antibodies*

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Over the last 10 years, multiple patents on therapeutic antibodies have been invalidated in the courts, often for lack of written description. Many other cases are working their way through the courts and the PTAB. This webinar will review major CAFC and PTAB decisions affecting therapeutic antibodies and will explore the best ways to obtain valuable and enforceable patents on therapeutic antibodies. The main issues to be covered are Section 101 issues (laws of nature, natural phenomena and natural products), obviousness and written description.



Gerald M. Murphy, Jr. has practiced in the intellectual property field for over 40 years, and has prosecuted numerous patent applications in the areas of biotechnology, biopharmaceuticals, therapeutic antibodies, organic chemistry, biochemistry and pharmaceuticals. Mr. Murphy has also handled a number of Post-Grant Review matters and appeals within the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. He has testified as an expert witness and served as an arbitrator in cases involving therapeutic antibodies.



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