



## NCBio Life Sciences Luncheon & Forum

### *Diagnostics in the Age of Precision Medicine*

May 8, 2019  
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.  
NC Biotechnology Center

11:30 a.m. Registration / Check-in

11:35 a.m. Welcome and Sponsor Remarks - **Sam Taylor**, President, NCBIO  
**Jenkins, Wilson, Taylor & Hunt** - Arles Taylor, Jr., Patent Attorney  
**VWR** - David Bauer, Sales Rep, Pharma Biotech Industrial

11:45 a.m. Lunch

12:15 p.m. Panel Session: Diagnostics in the Age of Precision Medicine

*Moderated by Erica Jackson, Partner, K&L Gates*

- **Nick Lazaridis, Ph.D.**, President, AccuGenomics
- **Geraldine McDowell, Ph.D.**, Vice President, Strategic Director, Center for Molecular Biology and Pathology, LabCorp
- **Rich West**, Chief Executive Officer, Baebies

1:25 p.m. Closing Remarks - **Sam Taylor**

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## Speaker Bios

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**Erica Jackson, Partner, K&L Gates**

Erica Jackson is a member of the Food, Drugs, Medical Devices and Cosmetics and Health Care practice groups. She focuses on FDA regulatory, enforcement, compliance and policy matters, providing strategic counsel to pharmaceutical, medical device, biologic, dietary supplement, and food manufacturers. In addition, she advises clients on health care fraud and abuse compliance and matters involving the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), and similar entities. She received her B.A. from Duke University, her M.P.H. from Yale University School of Public Health, and her J.D. from Emory University School of Law.



**Nick Lazaridis, Ph.D., President, AccuGenomics**

Dr. Lazaridis has held key positions within the pharmaceutical and diagnostic industry for over 20 years and has extensive expertise in regulatory and drug development from a CRO perspective. Prior to forming AccuGenomics, he served as President of Gene Express, an emerging diagnostics company. He has also held several key positions within AAI Pharma from 1988 to 2006. Dr. Lazaridis was involved in several regulatory approvals and commercialization of several pharmaceutical products. He received his Ph.D. at NC State University and his bachelor's degree in chemistry from Jacksonville State University.



**Geraldine McDowell, Ph.D., Vice President, Strategic Director, Center for Molecular Biology and Pathology, LabCorp**

Dr. McDowell has over 20 years of experience directing laboratory testing in the areas of clinical biochemical and molecular genetics. She provides scientific oversight for the departments of molecular genetics, molecular oncology, cytogenetics, biochemical genetics, and variant classification. Previously she held director positions at Yale University and the Center for Medical Genetics (Rockville, MD). She received her Ph.D. from the University of Maryland Baltimore and completed her genetics fellowship at the National Institutes of Health.



**Rich West, Chief Executive Officer, Baebies**

Rich West has nearly 20 years of life science CEO experience and leads the strategic direction for Baebies. Previously, he and Vamsee Pamula led Advanced Liquid Logic, which sold to Illumina, Inc. for \$96M. Mr. West was also Founder and CEO of TriVirix. He spent 15 years in the aerospace industry in program, sales, marketing and engineering management, including four years as a Commissioned Officer in the U.S. Air Force. He has an engineering degree from Duke University and an MBA from the University of West Florida. He currently serves on NCBI's Board of Directors.