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**David Perryman**, PhD, JD is an observer on the Altesa Board of Directors and the Chief Operating Officer of Drug Innovation Ventures at Emory University (DRIVE) in Atlanta. He has served in multiple capacities in the biotechnology sector over the past 25 years. He was formerly President, CEO and a founder of Zirus, and also founded two other biotechnology companies: one was acquired and the second became a publicly traded company. David has served on the Board of Directors of these and other biotechnology companies. Prior to joining Zirus, he was a shareholder and head of the Biotechnology Patent Practice group at Needle & Rosenberg, an IP boutique law firm. He practiced biotechnology patent law for 20 years delivering patent business strategy to biotech companies, venture capital funds, the CDC, NIH, FDA and numerous universities. David also served as a founder and special advisor to Georgia Venture Partners, a state associated biotech venture capital fund. David served as a panelist at the Institute of Medicine's Countermeasure/ Bioterrorism policy meeting (2010) as well as a featured presenter in Developments in Biodefense and Technology Platforms at the 8th Annual Biodefense Summit 2010. He received the 2014 Industry Growth Award from GaBio, considered the top award in Georgia for contribution to the state's biotechnology industry.