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Erik Iverson is the President, Business & Operations, of the Infectious Disease Research Institute (IDRI), a nonprofit global health organization in Seattle, WA, focused on research and product development for infectious diseases of global importance, where he is responsible for all operations, business development and external affairs. He leads IDRI's Executive Team in making critical business and strategic efforts relating to IDRI's internal preclinical and clinical R&D programs, and takes responsibility for coordinating contract

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Additionally, Iverson is a Founder and a Board Member of Afrigen Biologics Limited, an IDRI spinout company located in Cape Town, South Africa, that is the first ever vaccine and biologics focused biotechnology company on the continent of Africa.

Prior to IDRI, Iverson was hired as the first attorney dedicated to the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's global health and agricultural programs and played a lead role in building the Global Health Program for seven years as Associate General Counsel. At the Foundation, Iverson worked closely with staff and grantees in the development of intellectual property management and collaboration agreements, novel financing arrangements (including a leadership role in the establishment of the Foundation's private equity "Program Related Investments"), product development and global product access.

Previously, Iverson was an attorney at the law firm of Perkins Coie LLP where he represented life science companies in the negotiation of financing transactions, joint ventures, research collaborations, licensing agreements and manufacturing agreements.

Iverson has served as an Adjunct Professor in Biotechnology Law at University of Washington, School of Law in Seattle, WA, and is a founding member of the HIV Cure Initiative, which aims to identify global funding and build multinational public-private partnerships for the purpose of finally developing a cure for HIV. He also serves as a member of the Industry Trade Advisory Committee on IP Rights to the U.S. Department of Commerce and is Chairman of the Pacific Northwest Diabetes Research Institute.

Iverson received his Juris Doctor (J.D.) from The University of North Dakota School of Law in 1994 and his Master of Laws (LL.M) in Taxation from New York University School of Law in 1995. He completed his Bachelor of Arts in Business Management and Political Science from Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota.