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Brinks Gilson & Lione Shareholder Jeff Nichols Presents on IPR Best Practices at ACI Life Sciences Patent Summit

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CHICAGO—Jeff Nichols, a shareholder and patent litigator at intellectual property law firm Brinks Gilson & Lione, will be a featured speaker at ACI's 15th Advanced Summit on Life Sciences Patents on February 28, 2017 in New York.

Nichols will be a panelist for "Tackling the Offensive and Defensive Sides of *Inter Partes* Reviews," an overview of best practices for protecting patent portfolios and challenging competitors at the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB). The panel will review recent decisions to uncover effective uses of the *inter partes* review process and best practices for appearing before the PTAB, including avoiding procedural pitfalls such as timing and page-limit requirements.

Nichols has extensive experience in patent litigation, particularly in the biotechnology and pharmaceutical industries. He frequently speaks on patent litigation and post-grant proceedings, and is an adjunct professor at The John Marshall Law School. Nichols is co-chair of Brinks' biotechnology and pharmaceutical practice group, and previously led the firm's litigation practice group.

Brinks is an associate sponsor of ACI's 15th Advanced Summit on Life Sciences Patents. The conference offers a forum for members of the life sciences industry to learn about strategies for protecting their innovations in areas such as DNA sequencing, gene therapies, and diagnostics.

More information is at <https://www.americanconference.com/life-sciences-patents/>.

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