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## **MSEC** SEMINAR AND COMMERCIALIZATION FORUM

INVITED SPEAKER:

## MR. RON EPPERSON, CLP

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## **Biography:**

Building on a successful career in technical and management roles in corporate, start ups and consulting firms, Ron recently joined Texas State University as the Director of Strategic Industry Partnerships. Previously, in 2008 Ron J. Epperson founded Intellectual Energy LLC, a consulting firm in the energy, material science and clean tech industries. Ron gained experience in the technology licensing business Ernst & Young LLP after first establishing his career at Shell Chemical Company in the energy, chemical and material science industries. Ron has been an executive in five startups ranging from water treatment technology to renewable energy project development to chemical manufacturing. He has been a member or leader of teams that have commercialized eight new chemical and polymer products.

Ron earned a B.S. in Chemical Engineering, summa cum laude, from Virginia Tech. He is a Certified Licensing Professional and a Certified Patent Valuation Analyst.

## Abstract:

In this talk Mr. Epperson will be sharing stories and advice for students engaged in innovation and commercialization based upon his wealth of experience with corporates and technology start-ups. In particular, he will discuss the commercialization journey of a company that is using biological processes to treat waste water at a lower cost while also producing valuable co products.

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