Biolocity Team Members

Courtney Law, PhD – Managing Director
As Managing Director, Courtney leads Biolocity, a program that accelerates new technologies through a combination of funding, project management, and consulting. She provides business leadership and commercialization strategy at the intersection of academia, medicine, investment and industry to successfully bridge early-stage technologies into successful start-ups and licenses to industry. Prior to joining Biolocity, Courtney served as Georgia Bio’s Director for Entrepreneurship and Innovation and was responsible for positioning Georgia Bio as a leader for Academic – Industry relationships and collaborations, strengthening the partnership and collaboration between the Life Sciences community and academic institutions. Prior to moving to Atlanta, she was Gonzaga University’s Director of the University of Washington School of Medicine—Gonzaga University Regional Health Partnership. In leading GU’s efforts within the Partnership, she worked with colleagues at both institutions to advance health-related research, entrepreneurship and inter-professional health education. She served on local and regional Boards of Directors for Providence Health Care. Courtney also worked at Life Science Washington, developing the Washington Innovation Network for Life Sciences Entrepreneur Mentoring Program as well as an initiative to expose graduate students to entrepreneurship. She has served as a consultant for the University of Washington CoMotion program to promote research commercialization. She also worked with entrepreneurs and early-stage companies at the Office of Technology Transfer at North Carolina State University. She has both a PhD in Pharmaceutical Sciences and Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

John Nicosia, PhD – Associate Director
In his role as Associate Director, John manages the Biolocity Fund due diligence process and oversees the Biolocity internship program. He is also the project manager for funded technology teams and is a primary point of contact and connection between technology teams and external resources. Before joining Biolocity, John was a licensing associate at Emory University’s Office of Technology Transfer, where he managed a portfolio of over 350 intellectual property assets at Emory. John received his Ph.D. in Biomedical Engineering from the joint program at Georgia Tech and Emory, where he pursued commercialization of his research on treatments for lung fibrosis and bleeding disorders.

April Heard – Program & Operations Manager
As program and operations manager, April provides program planning and implementation of funding cycle activities, monitors project budgets, progress, and metrics, and tracks deadlines for account extensions or closures. She brings more than 15 years of operational management experience to Biolocity. She especially enjoys helping project teams refine their story and relay it in a way that resonates with their target audience.
Executives in Residence (EIRs)

**Manuel Kingsley, MS, MBA:** Manuel is an expert in medical technology innovation and commercialization – with over 20 years of experience in Medical Devices, Diagnostics, and BioTech. His expertise includes business development, growth strategy, executing mergers and acquisitions, and guiding new product development. Before launching Questus, Manuel corporate experience includes McKinsey & Co, Baxter Healthcare, Edwards Lifesciences, and Bard Medical. Manuel helps clients increase their understanding of customers, enter new markets, engage investors, and identify potential strategic acquirers. Manuel is an Industrial Engineer with a Masters in Operations and an MBA from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

**Rifat Pamukcu, MD, FAIMBE:** Rifat Pamukcu, MD, FAIMBE: President & CEO of RxMP Therapeutics, Inc. He is also a director of Aprea Therapeutics (NASDAQ: APRE) formerly Atrin Pharmaceuticals, LLC, Inc., Midway Pharmaceuticals Inc., Syantra Inc., Sirpant Immunotherapeutics, Inc., CorAmi LLC, Mobius Innovations LLC, and former Director of Virion Therapeutics LLC. He is currently a business advisor to the Lab2Mkt PBC NIH C3i program and a consultant to NephroDI, Inc. and Thetis Pharmaceuticals. He has been a consultant to the Walter H. Coulter Foundation for over 12 years. As Founder and CMO/CSO of Cell Pathways Inc. (formerly NASDAQ: CLPA), he raised over $140M and took the company public on NASDAQ. He has been featured in Time, Business Week, Forbes and Dateline NBC, has authored over 110 academic publications, and is an inventor on 150+ issued patents.

**Brian Walsh, MS, MBA:** Global technology and medical industry executive with a background in general management, operations, and marketing. Demonstrated commercialization skills in various technologies and applications, including urology, surgery, orthopedics, oncology, imaging, lasers, and software. Proven ability to commercialize complex solutions to address business, customer and clinical unmet needs.