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## **Christopher C. Gallagher, Innovation Policy, Technology Transfer**

*“Be attentive...chance favors the prepared mind.” – Louis Pasteur*

Chris is a founding partner of Gallagher Callahan and Gartrell, one of NH's most prestigious law firms. For more than thirty years, Chris has been recognized as one of state's leading legislative advocates at the intersection of business and public policy. For more than three decades, his strategic advice and consistent success before administrative agencies has gained him recognition in "Best Lawyers in America." Business NH Magazine has named him to its annual listing of NH's "10 Most Influential People" eight times.

While Chris is still "of counsel" to the firm he founded, after six years of congressional advocacy representing numerous and varied early stage innovation interests, Chris has joined New Venture Advisors as its Senior Policy Director. Chris is now fully committed to strengthening innovation.

Chris Gallagher uses a hands-on approach to advise early stage innovation clients and provide insight into the complex adaptive dynamics that drive and differentiate innovation ecosystems. His extensive background has honed his ability to quickly comprehend the distinguishing characteristics of each clients' innovation circumstances. As an acknowledged expert in the content and compliance requirements of the America Invents Act (AIA), Chris is uniquely qualified to help clients navigate innovation's ever-changing terrain. He is particularly committed in helping research universities preserve their mission-driven independent scientific research.

As NVA's Senior Policy Director, he manages NVA's offices and operations in our nation's capitol, advising early stage innovators nationwide, including research universities, angel and venture capital entities, and state government TBED agencies. His deep experience in public policy uniquely qualifies Chris to communicate knowledgeably and effectively with early stage innovation ecosystem participants at every stage of the "idea to innovation" continuum. He thus helps maximize productive collaboration by strengthening ecosystem-wide productivity and enabling successful commercialization without unacceptably risking loss of IP protection.

A passionate, compelling communicator, Chris has guest-lectured at England's Cambridge University, New Hampshire Law School's Franklin Pierce Law Center, Tuck Business School, George Washington Law School and the University of New Mexico's renowned SCM.UNM Center of innovation excellence. He has testified before US House and Senate Committees, and has been a participating panelist in numerous House, Senate and Federal Agency staff presentations. Now an acknowledged expert in innovation law and policy, Chris presented nationwide at numerous state and national trade associations, and is a frequent commentator on innovation policy in local and national media.

Chris was twice appointed by President Clinton to the Board of the Corporation for National Service where he served for ten years as Vice Chair. He has been a Director of the New Hampshire Business & Industry Association and New Hampshire Public Television's Board of Governors. He is a Member of the Arbitration Roster of the US Treasury's NAFTA Financial Services Committee, an Incorporator of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, and is a Member of the Editorial Advisory Board of the Privacy and Information Law Report.

A cum laude graduate of College of the Holy Cross, Chris received his J.D. from Harvard Law School.