

## Three attorneys leave Sonnenschein to form new life sciences practice

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Three patent attorneys formerly with Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal LLP have formed Biotactica LLC, a law firm that will provide legal services to the life sciences industry.

Biotactica's founders -- Kevin Buckley, Tara Nealey and Saul Zackson -- all previously were with Sonnenschein, one of the largest law firms in the St. Louis region.

According to a release Wednesday, Biotactica will integrate legal practices including intellectual property protection, licensing, regulation, funding and marketing to help speed up the process from discovery to market for clients.

Biotactica will partner its clients with contract research organizations, venture capitalists, strategic consultants and other commercial entities, the release said.

"Our firm is among the first of its kind anywhere," said Buckley, president of the new firm, in a statement. He added that the firm is set up to offer alternative fee structures to clients, including equity-based and contingency models. Prior to becoming a patent attorney, Buckley was a biochemist.

Nealey also has experience as a research scientist in the field of neurophysiology and has a doctorate in physiology.

Zackson, who holds a doctorate in molecular biology, has experience with life science technologies including molecular cloning, development of monoclonal antibodies and imaging technologies.

Biotactica has its offices at 1001 Craig Road, Suite 260, in Creve Coeur, according to the new firm's Web site.

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