2012 New Venture Pitch Competition Judges

Ashley Amend  
Development Director  
Venture Spur  

Ms. Ashley Amend serves as Development Director for VentureSpur, a venture accelerator and seed fund in Oklahoma City. Ashley has a history of launching entrepreneurial ventures and raising both angel and venture capital for her own technology companies.

She currently owns MyRankMonsters.com, a search engine optimization company. Ashley facilitates VentureSpur community outreach and partnerships, as well as advising the company and portfolio companies on fundraising. She also has a background in event production and helps in the planning and coordination of VentureSpur events.

Brian Fenske  
Partner  
Fulbright & Jaworski LLP  

Brian Fenske is a Partner with Fulbright & Jaworski LLP. Brian focuses on corporate and transactional matters. He has extensive experience in venture capital, private equity and technology commercialization matters.

He has been involved in the creation of more than 100 companies, more than 100 equity and debt offerings and more than 200 M&A transactions. He regularly counsels companies and entrepreneurs on start-up matters, venture capital and private equity financings, joint ventures, technology licenses, supply and distribution agreements, and corporate governance issues. He recently completed the IPOs for his clients Rosetta Stone Inc and RigNet, Inc.

Phillip Wright  
Relationship Manager II  
Technology & Life Sciences  
Silicon Valley Bank  

Phillip Wright is a Relationship Manager II in Silicon Valley Bank’s Technology & Life Sciences practice, based in the Austin, Texas office. In this role, Wright manages a portfolio of early-stage technology companies in the Austin area.

Prior to joining Silicon Valley Bank, Wright spent 18 years at Comerica Bank, most recently as a vice president in Comerica’s Technology & Life Sciences division. Wright also held positions in Comerica’s credit administration and operations departments. He began his career in banking at United National Bank of Plano. Wright earned a bachelor’s degree in psychology from the University of Oklahoma.
Scott D. Deatherage  
Partner  
Patton Boggs LLP

Scott Deatherage is a Partner with Patton Boggs LLP in Dallas, Texas. He advises clients on a variety of environmental, energy, and greenhouse gas regulation issues. He works with startup companies in waste to energy, waste to fuel, compressed natural gas fuel, solar, and wind energy, among others. He works with clients on identifying and pursuing equity and debt financing for these projects.

His environmental practice focuses on permitting, compliance, administrative law and judicial litigation on a variety of environmental issues including air emissions, wastewater discharges, hazardous waste, hazardous substances and toxic substances.

Mr. Deatherage represents clients before local, state and federal environmental agencies, and state and federal courts. He has significant experience representing oil and gas, pipeline, refining, and marketing of oil and refined products. In particular, he has advised clients with respect to hydraulic fracturing regulation in multiple states.

Mr. Deatherage earned his J.D., cum laude, from Harvard Law School where he was the Staff Editor and Articles Editor for *The Harvard Environmental Law Review*; Staff and Recent Developments Author, Harvard International Law Journal; and Research and Writing Assistant for Professor Laurence H. Tribe for the Second Edition of American Constitutional Law. He received his B.A. in Letters from the University of Oklahoma, with highest honors.

Holly Roe  
Account Coordinator  
Waggener Edstrom

Holly Roe is an Account Coordinator at Waggener Edstrom Worldwide, supporting communications efforts for the Microsoft Office Division.

She graduated from the University of Oklahoma (OU) in 2010 with a degree in Letters and served as a former intern, team leader and fellow for OU's CCEW. In May of 2011 Holly contributed to a business plan with 4 other OU students, competing in and winning 1st place in the Donald W. Reynolds Governors Cup business plan competition.

On the side, Holly is a freelance scout for Citysearch.com, where she reviews restaurants, shops and more in Portland.