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**Adriane Brown Joins Washington Research Foundation Board**

**Intellectual Ventures' president and COO will strengthen Foundation's support of STEM research and startup investments in Washington state**

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Adriane Brown, the president and chief operating officer for Intellectual Ventures (IV), has joined Washington Research Foundation's (WRF) board of directors.

Brown has led IV since 2010. Under her leadership, IV has built on its position as the world's leading inventions company, with operations centered on inventing, buying, licensing and selling high-quality patents, and partnering with businesses and institutions. The company's portfolio now consists of nearly 40,000 high-tech patents. Regarding her appointment to the WRF board of directors, Brown said, "Washington Research Foundation is doing important work in advancing technology development, and I'm enthusiastic about joining the board for an organization that's had such an impact on our region's leadership in innovation."

Prior to joining IV, Brown led Honeywell Transportation Systems to increased profits through global expansion and the development of innovative products. Honeywell consistently outperformed the industry during Brown's tenure.

Brown additionally serves on the boards of the Seattle Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, the Pacific Science Center, Harman International Industries and Jobs for America's Graduates, a nonprofit that leads the nation in supporting young people most at risk of dropping out of high school. She has received numerous accolades over recent years, including the Martin Luther King Jr. Leadership Award from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Brown has been named among Puget Sound Business Journal's Women of Influence, STEMconnector's 100 Women Leaders in STEM and Black Enterprise's 100 Most Powerful Executives in Corporate America.

Ron Howell, WRF's CEO, said, "I talked at length with Adriane earlier this year, and I was immediately impressed with her deep knowledge of many of the areas key to this region's future success. Adriane and WRF have a shared goal of supporting research, scholarship and pioneering companies to benefit the people of Washington state and beyond. Adriane is an inspiring and proven leader. We're delighted to welcome her to our board."

Brown holds a doctorate in humane letters and a bachelor of science in environmental health from Old Dominion University. She gained a master's in management, and was a Sloan Fellow, at MIT.

**About Washington Research Foundation**

Washington Research Foundation (WRF) was formed in 1981 to assist universities and other nonprofit research institutions in Washington state with the commercialization and licensing of their technologies. WRF is recognized as one of the foremost technology transfer organizations in the nation and has returned over \$500 million to the state's research institutions through gifts and licensing disbursements.

WRF Capital, the Foundation's venture investment arm, has invested more than \$80 million in 68 local life sciences, physical sciences and information sciences startups and limited partnerships. Proceeds support WRF's gift program.

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### **About Intellectual Ventures**

Intellectual Ventures (IV) is a global inventions company. Founded in 2000, IV buys, licenses and sells patents to the world's most innovative companies while providing invention-related services and creating a wide range of technology-focused partnerships and new companies.

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