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How the Patent Reform Act will Impact UR Innovations

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Abstract: On September 16, 2011, President Obama signed the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act (the “Patent Reform Act”) in to law. This Act makes significant changes to the way that patents are prosecuted and enforced in the United States. Please join us for a presentation to outline the major changes in the patent law and how these changes affect the innovation lifecycle within the university.

Bio: Ranjana Kadle is a Partner at Hodgson Russ, LLP focusing on Intellectual Property & Technology Practice. Dr. Kadle practices in all areas of intellectual property with particular emphasis on patent prosecution, related opinion work, and licensing in the biotechnology and chemical fields. Her areas of focus include immunology, pharmaceuticals, diagnostics, therapeutics, veterinary diagnostics, and food chemistry. She actively advises clients on a wide variety of topics related to development of patent portfolios, including international protection of inventions, due diligence investigations, and trademark matters. She lectures frequently on topics related to patents and licensing.

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Corine Farewell, Director, Office of Technology Transfer, University of Rochester will be introducing the speakers and will also be available to answer any UR OTT specific questions.

Light refreshments will be provided.