

# Photonics Forum

## “Confidentiality and Noncompetition Agreements”

The creation, exchange, ownership and control of information and technology is a constant challenge and it calls for scientific excellence, ingenuity, collaborative skills, business instincts, and, as always, funding. Legal considerations lurk in the background. The University's Associate General Counsel, Dennis Hart, will lead a discussion of confidentiality agreements and noncompetition agreements – what they mean, how to assess them, and how to cope with them.

Mr. Dennis Hart joined the Office of the General Counsel (OGC) at Boston University in October 1987, after serving as a Corporate Counsel at Digital Equipment Corporation (DEC) in Maynard, Massachusetts. He handles a wide range of matters, including commercial transactions, sponsored research, regulatory compliance, policy administration and development, copyright and publishing, trademark, communications and media (including matters involving the University's public radio station WBUR), information technology, business and collaborative educational ventures, and general business matters. Prior to joining OGC and DEC, he was in private practice at the law firm of Testa, Hurwitz & Thibeault in Boston. Mr. Hart earned his law degree from Harvard Law School in 1981. He also graduated *summa cum laude* with a B.A. from Yale University in 1976.

*November 19, 2013*

*11:45 a.m.-  
1:15 p.m.*

*9th Floor*

*Room 901*

*Photonics Center*

*8 Saint Mary's  
Street*

*Lunch will be  
served!*

