



OUR TEAM

AT THIRD ROCK, PEOPLE ARE OUR MOST VALUABLE ASSET

We are a bi-coastal, multi-disciplinary team that brings together the best of science, strategy, business and medicine. Our team has a proven record of translating disruptive technologies into valuable business enterprises.

We adhere to a “Third Rock Forever” philosophy, realizing that we have been phenomenally successful because of the contributions of the whole Third Rock team.

Working closely with leading scientific and business visionaries, as well as industry partners, we identify opportunities to change the future of medicine and rigorously vet those ideas through our discovery process to develop the vision, strategy and plan needed to succeed.

BRIAN ALBRECHT, PH.D. PRINCIPAL

Brian Albrecht focuses on new company formation and drug discovery due diligence, bringing with him to the firm more than 12 years of biopharmaceutical drug discovery experience. Prior to joining Third Rock Ventures, Brian was with Constellation Pharmaceuticals and Amgen.

ALEXIS BORISY PARTNER

Alexis Borisy is an integral member of the Third Rock team and a successful company builder with more than 20 years of experience launching and operating innovative science-based organizations. Alexis focuses on the formation, development and strategy of new companies. Prior to joining Third Rock Ventures, Alexis founded CombinatoRx in 2000, serving as its CEO and bringing the company public on the NASDAQ just five years later.

ABBIE CELNIKER, PH.D. PARTNER

Abbie Celniker focuses on the formation, development and strategy of our portfolio companies and brings more than 30 years of experience in R&D and senior leadership roles. Prior to joining Third Rock Ventures, she served as president and CEO of Eleven Biotherapeutics. Previously, Abbie was the president and CEO of Taligen Therapeutics. Taligen Therapeutics was acquired by Alexion Pharmaceuticals, and following the acquisition, she served as Alexion’s executive vice president, translational medicine.

DINA CIARIMBOLI GENERAL COUNSEL

Dina Ciarimboli is responsible for advising on corporate strategic and tactical legal initiatives and providing management with advice on company strategies and implementation. Prior to joining Third Rock Ventures, Dina served as venture capital general counsel to several firms and before that, held a nearly 10-year tenure as general counsel for Prism VentureWorks, a venture firm focused on equity investments in start-up, early-stage and growth companies in the communications, internet and healthcare industries. Earlier, she served as an associate at Testa, Hurwitz & Thibault, LLP and as a senior associate at PricewaterhouseCoopers.

CYNTHIA CLAYTON HEAD OF COMMUNICATIONS

Cynthia Clayton focuses on identifying and initiating communication activities and best practices across the firm and the portfolio. Prior to joining Third Rock Ventures, Cynthia served as the vice president, investor relations and corporate communications for Alnylam Pharmaceuticals for 10 years. Earlier, she was the director, investor relations and corporate communications at Synta Pharmaceuticals and Millennium Pharmaceuticals.

ALISON CONNORS CONTROLLER

Alison Connors focuses on financial operations, reporting and analysis for the fund and assisting new portfolio companies with their initial financial operations. Alison has more than 10 years of financial accounting experience within the biotechnology and life science industries. Prior to joining Third Rock Ventures, she held various senior financial roles at Prism VentureWorks and Bain Capital. She also worked at PricewaterhouseCoopers, providing management and consultant services to biotechnology companies.

ANDREA DIMELLA RECRUITING DIRECTOR

Andrea DiMella focuses on cross-functional recruiting to build teams within Third Rock Ventures’ portfolio companies, as well as performing executive searches for the firm. She has nearly 20 years of experience across the biotechnology and pharmaceutical industries, utilizing creative talent strategies to address organizational and client talent acquisition needs. Prior to joining Third Rock Ventures, Andrea worked in roles of increasing importance at Biogen Idec, serving most recently as principal partner, global executive search. Before Biogen, she served as senior manager of staffing at Genentech, and staffing consultant at Amgen before that.

KEITH DIONNE ENTREPRENEUR-IN-RESIDENCE

Keith Dionne is an industry veteran with 20 years of experience leading U.S. and international biotechnology companies. Most recently, he was president and CEO of Constellation Pharmaceuticals and before that, he served as CEO at Surface Logix, Inc. Keith was the president and CEO of Alantox Pharmaceuticals, leading the company’s acquisition by Amgen for more than \$300 million in 2007. Prior to joining Alantox, Keith was with Millennium Pharmaceuticals (now Takeda) where he held positions as both vice president of R&D strategy and vice president and general manager, technology business.



NEIL EXTER
PARTNER

Neil Exter has more than 20 years of business development and strategic experience facilitating the successful development and implementation of operations and collaborations across the spectrum of newly emerging and established biotech companies, including Alantos Pharmaceuticals and Millennium Pharmaceuticals.

JEFFREY FINER, M.D., PH.D.
ENTREPRENEUR-IN-RESIDENCE

Jeff Finer focuses on drug discovery and development opportunities across the portfolio. Jeff brings 30 years of research and clinical experience including 18 years of experience leading drug discovery programs, technology development initiatives, preclinical development, and translational medicine. Prior to joining Third Rock Ventures, Jeff spent many years in R&D leadership positions at a number of biotechnology companies and most recently served as vice president, research technology at Theravance. Previously, Jeff was the vice president, discovery at Five Prime Therapeutics and served as director, drug discovery technologies at Cytokinetics.

TIM FUNNELL, DPHIL.
PRINCIPAL

Tim Funnell focuses on new company formation and business development across our portfolio companies. Prior to joining Third Rock Ventures, Tim was a partner at Syncona, an early stage venture business based in London where he supported the diligence and foundation of Autolus and took an interim operational role as head of business development. On returning to Syncona, Tim worked on the formation and early build-out of Gyroscope Therapeutics.

FRANK GENTILE, PH.D.
VENTURE PARTNER

Frank Gentile brings nearly 25 years of experience working with pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies and currently serves as an adjunct professor of pharmacology and biotechnology in the division of biology and medicine at Brown University. He spent 12 years with Tekla Capital Management LLC, formerly Hambrecht & Quist Capital Management LLC, where he most recently served as senior vice president. Prior to Tekla, Frank oversaw technology research and development programs while serving as vice president, technology program management at Millennium Pharmaceuticals and earlier in his role as vice president, product development at Curis.

KEVIN GILLIS
PARTNER, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Kevin Gillis has more than 25 years of financial experience, successfully designing and managing the financial operations for emerging and established biotech companies. Prior to joining Third Rock Ventures, he was vice president of finance at Coley Pharmaceutical Group and served in a number of senior finance roles at Millennium Pharmaceuticals and The Coca-Cola Company.

MARK GOLDSMITH, M.D., PH.D.
VENTURE PARTNER

Mark Goldsmith participates in the ideation, development and leadership of new companies. Prior to joining Third Rock Ventures, Mark was president and CEO of Constellation Pharmaceuticals, a leading biopharmaceutical company in the field of epigenetics and a Third Rock Ventures portfolio company. Before Constellation, Mark held senior executive positions in the biotechnology industry and academia.

CHARLES HOMCY, M.D.
PARTNER

Charles Homcy focuses on the formation of companies discovering and developing novel therapeutic approaches, and is responsible for leading Third Rock Ventures' West Coast office. Prior to joining Third Rock Ventures, Charles co-founded Portola Pharmaceuticals and served as president and CEO. Prior to that, he was president of R&D at Millennium Pharmaceuticals following its acquisition of COR Therapeutics in 2002.

IVAN HYPE
SENIOR FINANCE MANAGER

Ivan Hype focuses on portfolio analytics, fundraising and financial operations within the firm and across the portfolio. Prior to joining Third Rock Ventures, Ivan was a finance manager at Bain Capital where he was responsible for managing a co-invest private equity portfolio and leading the development of internal investment portals.

CHELSEA PLACE JOHNSON, PH.D.
SENIOR ASSOCIATE

Chelsea Place Johnson focuses on new company formation and due diligence in the area of oncology. Prior to joining Third Rock Ventures, she was a graduate student researcher at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and Broad Institute while obtaining her Ph.D. in biological chemistry and molecular pharmacology from Harvard University. While there, she received the Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award for Individual Predoctoral Fellows.

ROBERT KAMEN, PH.D.
ENTREPRENEUR-IN-RESIDENCE

Bob Kamen brings more than 30 years of experience in the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries, serving most recently as president of Abbott Bioresearch Center, where he oversaw the discovery and production of Humira®, the first fully human antibody to achieve marketing approval in the U.S. and Europe, and was a member of the Abbott Pharmaceuticals Executive Management Committee.

PERRY KARSEN
VENTURE PARTNER

Perry Karsen is a recognized leader in the development and growth of successful, product-driven biopharmaceutical companies. Prior to joining Third Rock Ventures, Perry was the CEO of Celgene Cellular Therapeutics until his retirement from Celgene Corporation at the end of 2015. Previously, Perry was the president and CEO of Pearl Therapeutics, and held executive positions at Human Genome Sciences, Bristol-Myers Squibb, Genentech and Abbott Laboratories.

JOHN KEILTY
GENERAL MANAGER, PLATFORM OPERATIONS

John Keilty works with the platform team to develop, implement and refine technology roadmaps for Third Rock Ventures' portfolio companies with a focus on the identification and integration of drug discovery and development technology platforms. Prior to joining Third Rock Ventures, John was the vice president of information technology and informatics at Infinity Pharmaceuticals, where he played a critical role for nearly 13 years, and was an early member of Millennium Pharmaceuticals.



SARAH LARSON
PARTNER, CHIEF HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER

Sarah Larson brings more than 20 years of experience in human resources and provides guidance and counsel to the firm's portfolio companies as they are building their organizational capabilities, focusing on areas of human capital, leadership development, and culture creation. Prior to joining Third Rock Ventures, Sarah served as senior vice president, human resources at Foundation Medicine. Previously, Sarah led the global human resources function at CombinatoRx (acquired by Horizon Discovery Group) and worked for several years as a recruiter and account manager at Cambridge Search, a search firm specializing in recruitment within the life sciences industry.

CHRISTOPH LENGAUER, PH.D.
VENTURE PARTNER

Christoph Lengauer focuses on the formation of companies discovering and developing novel therapeutics, and is the chief scientific officer and chief drug hunter at Blueprint Medicines. Previously, he was vice president and global head of oncology drug discovery and preclinical development at Sanofi; executive director and senior unit head of oncology discovery at the Novartis Institutes for Biomedical Research; and was also an associate professor at the Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.

MARK LEVIN
PARTNER

Mark Levin is a Third Rock Ventures co-founder and an industry leader with 40 years of experience building and operating leading biotech companies. Mark co-founded Mayfield Fund's life sciences effort, where he was also the founding CEO of Tularik, Cell Genesys/ Abgenix, Focal, Stem Cells and Millennium Pharmaceuticals. Mark served as CEO of Millennium Pharmaceuticals for 12 years.

GREG MCGRAW
ACCOUNTING MANAGER

Greg McGraw focuses on financial operations of the management company, fund reporting and analysis, as well as assisting portfolio companies with accounting needs. Prior to joining Third Rock Ventures, Greg was a tax manager at Deloitte Tax, LLP, where he provided tax compliance and consulting to various hedge fund, private equity and venture capital clients.

CRAIG MUIR
PARTNER, CHIEF TECHNOLOGY OFFICER

Craig Muir has more than 25 years of technology development, implementation and application experience across the biotechnology and pharmaceutical industries. Prior to joining Third Rock Ventures, Craig served as senior vice president, technical operations for Codon Devices and also spent 12 years at Millennium Pharmaceuticals as vice president of platform technology. Earlier in his career, Craig served in a number of technology development and scientific roles at Genentech, Tularik and the University of Vermont.

TRACY NICHOLSON
RECRUITING DIRECTOR

Tracy Nicholson focuses on cross-functional recruiting searches to build teams within the portfolio companies, as well as recruiting for the firm. She has 15 years of pharmaceutical and biotechnology-focused recruiting experience, and prior to joining Third Rock Ventures, was the human resources manager at Agios Pharmaceuticals and consulted at larger biotech and pharmaceutical companies.

CARY PFEFFER, M.D.
PARTNER

Cary Pfeffer has more than 20 years of business development and transaction experience, facilitating the successful development and implementation of leading collaborations across the spectrum of newly emerging and established biotech companies. Prior to joining Third Rock Ventures, Cary founded The Pfeffer Group and spent 10 years at Biogen in a variety of executive domestic and international management roles focused on business and market development, product development and commercial operations.

GLENN PIERCE, M.D., PH.D.
ENTREPRENEUR-IN-RESIDENCE

Glenn Pierce brings more than 30 years of research and development experience working with biotechnology companies and focuses on research, development and translation in hematology across the portfolio. Prior to joining Third Rock Ventures, Glenn served as chief medical officer at Biogen. Aside from Biogen, Glenn has worked in small, large, public and private biotech/biopharma firms, including Bayer, Inspiration, Avigen, Selective Genetics and Amgen.

VYAS RAMANAN, PH.D.
ASSOCIATE

Vyas Ramanan focuses on new company formation and due diligence. Prior to joining Third Rock Ventures, Vyas obtained his Ph.D. in biomedical engineering at MIT. He also co-founded Agile Devices, a medical device company, and served as part of a team working in vaccine delivery for the developing world as a grantee of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

PHILIP REILLY, M.D., J.D.
VENTURE PARTNER

Phil Reilly supports the firm's advancement of new ventures, with a focus on growing transformational companies dedicated to breakthrough treatments for genetic disorders. Phil served as the former CEO and chairman of the board of Interleukin Genetics, Inc., and is currently a trustee of Cornell University. He served as president of the American Society of Law, Medicine and Ethics, and is a founding fellow of the American College of Medical Genetics.

CHRIS ROBINSON
VICE PRESIDENT, RECRUITING

Chris Robinson focuses on executive-level searches for the portfolio companies, as well as recruiting for the firm. He has more than 15 years of research and development-focused recruiting experience in life sciences and high technology. Prior to joining Third Rock Ventures, Chris was the co-founder of Pivotal Search, a boutique life sciences executive search and recruiting consulting practice, and was also one of the founding members of a life sciences R&D practice at another national search firm.

JESSICA SCHOENIG
STAFF ACCOUNTANT

Jessica Schoenig focuses on financial operations of the management company and assists portfolio companies with accounting needs. Prior to joining Third Rock Ventures, Jessica was a senior tax consultant at Deloitte Tax, LLP, where she held multiple roles of increasing responsibility and focused on serving hedge fund and private equity clients on a variety of tax compliance needs.



STEPHEN SHERWIN, M.D.
VENTURE PARTNER

Steve Sherwin brings more than 30 years of experience in the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries, and focuses on discovery stage products. Prior to joining Third Rock Ventures, Steve was the CEO of Cell Genesys from 1990 until 2009. He was also a co-founder and chairman of Abgenix, and more recently, was the chairman of BIO. He currently serves as a board member of several leading biotechnology companies.

KEVIN STARR
PARTNER

Kevin Starr is a Third Rock Ventures co-founder and a proven operational leader with more than 25 years of experience building and operating leading biotech companies. Prior to joining Third Rock Ventures, Kevin was COO and CFO at Millennium Pharmaceuticals. Earlier in his career, he served in various executive roles at Biogen and Digital Equipment Corporation. He currently serves on the board of directors for several leading biotech companies.

ROBERT TEPPER, M.D.
PARTNER

Bob Pepper is a Third Rock Ventures co-founder and a distinguished scientist with more than 30 years of experience building and operating leading R&D operations. Prior to joining Third Rock Ventures, Bob was president of R&D at Millennium Pharmaceuticals and was vital in its expansion from a drug discovery company to a fully integrated biopharmaceutical company. Prior to Millennium, Bob co-founded Cell Genesys/Abgenix. Bob serves as an adjunct faculty member at Harvard Medical School and Massachusetts General Hospital and is an advisory board member of several leading health care institutions.

JEFFREY TONG, PH.D.
ENTREPRENEUR-IN-RESIDENCE

Jeff Tong has significant operational experience in building and growing early stage biotechnology companies and focuses on drug discovery and development across the portfolio. Prior to joining Third Rock Ventures, Jeff was the president and CEO of Nora Therapeutics, and prior to that, was part of the founding management team at Infinity Pharmaceuticals.

LAURENCE TURKA, M.D.
ENTREPRENEUR-IN-RESIDENCE

Larry Turka is a world-renowned leader in the fields of immunology and transplantation research. He is currently at Massachusetts General Hospital, where he is co-director of the Center for Transplantation Sciences, and the Harold and Ellen Danser Professor of Surgery at Harvard Medical School. Previously, he was a faculty member at the University of Michigan where he established an independent research program.

BARBARA WEBER, M.D.
VENTURE PARTNER

Barbara Weber brings over 25 years of experience working in oncology research and spent the last six years at Novartis, where she held the position of senior vice president and global head of oncology translational medicine. Prior to joining Novartis, Barbara served as vice president of three groups at GlaxoSmithKline, including Global Biomarkers, Oncology Discovery and Translational Medicine, and Cancer Metabolism Drug Discovery. Until 2005, Barbara was a professor of medicine and genetics at The University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, heading a clinical and translational research program in cancer genetics and the UPenn Cancer Center Breast Cancer program.

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