



# Patenting DNA: Why DNA is Different and What to Do About It

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Although the Supreme Court has ruled that chromosomal DNA is ineligible for patenting because it is a product of nature, the Court also based its holding on the fact that DNA is a code, like software. This concern, that DNA is more informative than chemical, has led the courts in decisions such as the *Myriad* and *Prometheus* cases to serve us with a tangled web of rulings.

Genomic DNA and its uses are sometimes too 'natural' for patenting, and at other times patent-ineligible abstract ideas. Join [Robin Chadwick](#) and [Warren Woessner](#) as they identify how to recognize the dualistic nature of DNA and guard your inventions against attacks from either side. Other topics that will be covered include:

- When is a use of DNA just an abstract idea?
- Is genomic DNA the only patent ineligible natural product?
- Can a diagnostic conclusion ever be an inventive concept?
- What is needed to make a diagnostic method an 'unnatural' and/or 'non-abstract' process?

**Wednesday, August 7th**  
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