

## **Patrick Johnson Serves As Panelist At Ced Program**

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The Council for Entrepreneurial Development (CED) , a private, nonprofit organization that promotes entrepreneurial efforts in the Triangle region of North Carolina, designed the STREAK program to assist early-stage, high-growth life sciences and technology companies in preparing for and reaching fundraising goals through the critique of pitch presentations by a seasoned panel of investors, entrepreneurs and marketing experts.

Brooks Pierce partner Patrick Johnson served as a panelist on Thursday, July 9. The panelists are hand-picked to address the specific needs of each company by providing feedback on strategy, business advice, funding options and additional relevant contacts.

STREAK is a closed-door session only available to CED members and takes place on the second Thursday afternoon of each month. Of the 12 companies selected to present before the panels, CED will select the most notable presenters to showcase at a January event.

Patrick represents operating businesses, investment funds and entrepreneurs in securities, merger and acquisition and commercial transactions. He also advises clients on organizational, governance, and regulatory matters, including fund formation. He has extensive experience representing public and private companies and private equity funds and other investment funds in domestic and international business combination and financing transactions.