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Areas of Expertise

- Global strategic alliances
- Nurtured collaborative relationships
- Problem solving
- Program management
- Practical conflict negotiation
- Alternative dispute resolution

Industries

- Cell and Gene Therapy
- Biotech
- Life sciences
- Medical device

Education

- Azusa Pacific University (APU)
 - Bachelor of Arts – Religion
 - Bachelor of Arts – Communication
- Pepperdine Caruso School of Law
 - Master of Dispute Resolution

Laura is the Director of Business Development for SVA Life Sciences, a member of the SVA family.

With 20 years' experience driving transformational change for clinical development portfolios from early-stage R&D to commercialization, Laura brings an extensive background in nurturing successful partnerships and collaborating with executive teams in the biopharma and emerging cell and gene therapy landscape. She works closely with leadership to explore creative ways to accelerate programs through the FDA, devising optimized manufacturing processes and reducing COGS from pre-clinical IND-enabling studies to commercial readiness.

Laura has held other leadership roles at companies such as Lonza, Wuxi Advanced Therapies, Cytovance, and Genezen and has earned the reputation of a strong business executive who leads by example. As in many high-stake environments, Laura has firsthand accounts of how conflicting objectives can have significant negative impacts in cell and gene therapy programs. For this reason, she studied the formal processes which lead to resolution and help parties reach well-balanced agreements and avoid possible litigation. Laura earned a Master's degree in Dispute Resolution (MDR) from the Straus Institute of Dispute Resolution at Pepperdine Caruso School of Law in 2023 and applies these skills in real-world circumstances to manage conflict and reach win-win outcomes in complex situations.

In her new role at SVA Life Sciences, Laura will be leading business development efforts with helping clients to compress development timelines, reduce costs, and increase the value of product assets utilizing SVA's proven solutions.

