CRISPR Therapeutics Appoints James R. Kasinger as General Counsel

CRISPR continues to add to the depth and breadth of its senior leadership team

BASEL, Switzerland and CAMBRIDGE, Mass., June 07, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- CRISPR Therapeutics (NASDAQ:CRSP), a biopharmaceutical company focused on creating transformative gene-based medicines for serious diseases, announced the appointment of James R. Kasinger as General Counsel and Secretary to the Board of Directors. Mr. Kasinger is a highly accomplished lawyer with nearly 20 years of legal experience in various settings. He joins CRISPR Therapeutics to oversee the company's corporate legal and governance matters.

Prior to joining CRISPR Therapeutics, Mr. Kasinger held the role of General Counsel and Secretary at Moderna Therapeutics, a Cambridge-based biotechnology company, and as General Counsel at PlumChoice, Inc., a provider of technical support services to Fortune 1000 companies. Prior to these roles, Mr. Kasinger was a partner at the global law firm, Goodwin Procter LLP, where he represented life sciences, technology and other high-growth companies in all stages of their life cycles, from formation, to obtaining seed and growth financings, to initial public offering, merger or sale. Mr. Kasinger started his legal career at Testa, Hurwitz & Thibeault.

Mr. Kasinger holds a J.D. from Boston College Law School, graduating cum laude, and a B.A. from Wheaton College, graduating magna cum laude.

About CRISPR Therapeutics

CRISPR Therapeutics is a leading gene-editing company focused on developing transformative gene-based medicines for serious diseases using its proprietary CRISPR / Cas9 gene-editing platform. CRISPR / Cas9 is a revolutionary technology that allows for precise, directed changes to genomic DNA. The company's multi-disciplinary team of world-class researchers and drug developers is working to translate this technology into breakthrough human therapeutics in a number of serious diseases. Additionally, CRISPR Therapeutics has established strategic collaborations with Bayer AG and Vertex Pharmaceuticals to develop CRISPR-based therapeutics in diseases with high unmet need. The foundational CRISPR / Cas9 patent estate for human therapeutic use was licensed from the company's scientific founder Emmanuelle Charpentier, Ph.D. CRISPR Therapeutics AG is headquartered in Basel, Switzerland, with its wholly-owned U.S. subsidiary, CRISPR Therapeutics, Inc., and R&D operations based in Cambridge, Massachusetts. For more information, please visit http://www.crisprtx.com.

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