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# **June 2022 Alumni Newsletter**

#### A NOTE FROM STEVE AND TOM

As we approach our second anniversary as a combined firm, we are proud to share information about some recent efforts to offer support and connect with our clients, colleagues, and broader communities.

We launched our inaugural Week of Service initiative May 23-27, which celebrated our commitment to community service and outreach. More than 650 volunteers across our offices supported close to 50 organizations with various hands-on service projects.

Additionally, the firm participated in this year's Well-being Week in Law from May 2 to May 6. Throughout the week, we highlighted various tools, resources, and information offered by the firm to help our colleagues and their loved ones live a balanced life.

While we continue to grow and adjust as the firm and our environment evolve, we are grateful to have been able to connect with many of you in person over the past few months and look forward to more of these opportunities in the future.

We invite you to read the full newsletter to learn more about what we've been up to, including our Associates Retreat, the latest firm news, alumni events, and more.

Stay safe. Stay well. Stay connected.

Steve Lewis, Chair

Tom Cole, Managing Partner

## A NOTE FROM CLARE

Exciting things are being planned for our alumni this year. We have already hosted several CLE and Diversity & Inclusion programs, as well as in-person events in two of our markets, with more to come! We hope you will join us when we are near you! We also look forward to your photo contest entries and giving away some Troutman Pepper swag to the winners!

Clare Roath

Director of Alumni Relations

## STAYING CONNECTED

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Please enjoy the June issue of our Alumni newsletter, which features Alumni Spotlight interviews with Kaveh Rashidi-Yazd and Keely Stewart, details for recent and upcoming in-person events, and other alumni news.

#### **ALUMNI SPOTLIGHTS**

#### Kaveh Rashidi-Yazd

Vice President and Chief Counsel for IP, Digital, Innovation, and Technology

#### **Eaton**

(Troutman Sanders Alum, 2004 – 2010)

Kaveh shares what he enjoys most about his current role at Eaton and how his experience at the firm contributed to his development. Read his Q&A.

## **Keely Stewart**

Vice President, Assistant Corporate Secretary and Senior Counsel

Iron Mountain

(Pepper Hamilton Alum, 2011 – 2014)

We caught up with Keely to learn more about his role at Iron Mountain and how the skills he gained at the firm currently benefit him. Read his Q&A.

#### **ALUMNI PANEL AT THE 2022 ASSOCIATE RETREAT**

Troutman Pepper welcomed over 400 associates to the first Associates Retreat as a combined firm in Phoenix, Arizona this past May. As part of the programming, Alumni Relations hosted a panel presentation titled "Views from Where I Sit." We were thrilled to have three wonderful alums discuss their thoughts on what working with a firm looks like from a client's perspective. Many thanks to our panelists **Dan La Luz** (Assistant Deputy General Counsel at Comcast Cable), **Hilary LaBar Lang** (Associate Director, Compliance Counsel, Global Compliance and Ethics at BioMarin Pharmaceutical, Inc.) and **Alex Reyes Schroeder** (Lead Counsel, Wells Fargo) for sharing their time, insights, and excellent company!

# **ALUMNI EVENTS**

Our team was excited to finally host two in-person alumni events during the first half of this year! It was wonderful to reconnect with so many of our alums in the Atlanta and Richmond areas. Please follow the links below to view photos from the events.

Atlanta Alumni Reception at Gypsy Kitchen

## Richmond Alumni Reception at the Jefferson Hotel

We'll be in touch with details for the upcoming in-person receptions listed below. For alumni who have relocated or may be visiting any of these areas during these event dates, we'd love to see you! Email us at alumni@troutman.com and we'll add you to the guest list.

Detroit Alumni Reception July 20, 2022

Orange County Alumni Reception September 7, 2022

Berwyn Alumni Reception September 28, 2022

Washington, DC Alumni Reception October 6, 2022

Philadelphia Alumni Reception October 25, 2022

New York Alumni Reception October 26, 2022

#### **SUMMER PHOTO CONTEST**

Ready, set, and CLICK! Submit photos of your favorite summer moments for our 2022 Alumni Summer Photo Contest. First, second and third place winners will be awarded Troutman Pepper swag. We're excited to see your favorite summer spaces, treats, and activities!

Email photos with a brief description to alumni@troutman.com by September 5 so our Legal Talent team can cast their votes. We'll announce winners in September and hope you enjoy all of your summer days!

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## **ALUMNI ON THE MOVE**

Alison Altman (Associate, Philadelphia) is now team leader, regulatory governance Luxembourg for Clearstream.

Suzanne Apgar (Associate, Princeton) is now associate general counsel, UnitedHealthcare.

Burt Arrington (Associate, Atlanta) is now general counsel & corporate secretary at Passport.

Julia Assis (Associate, Philadelphia) is now senior corporate counsel & privacy officer for Greenway Health.

Jane Ledlie Batcheller (Associate, Richmond) is now associate general counsel, m&a at WestRock Company.

**Frederic Beckley** (Associate, Philadelphia) is now general counsel and chief administrative officer for Spark Networks.

Julia Bishop (Associate, Richmond) is now lead trademark counsel at Twilio.

**Kelly Black-Holmes** (Associate, Atlanta) is now vice president & associate general counsel, litigation at Warner Bros. Discovery.

Evan Bloch (Partner, Pittsburgh) is now assistant general counsel, litigation for PPG.

**Martin Bloor** (Partner, New York) is now executive director, global anti-corruption compliance at JP Morgan Chase & co.

Matt Boucher (Associate, Richmond) is now associate general counsel at BIOTRONIK.

Tim Butler (Partner, Atlanta) is now shareholder at Greenberg Traurig.

Gary Campbell (Counsel, Washington, DC) is now partner at Perkins Coie LLP.

**Angela Chadwick** (Associate, Atlanta) is now general counsel at Wing.

Andrea Chambers (Partner, Washington, DC) is now counsel at DLA Piper.

**Catherine Cirrincione** (Associate, Pittsburgh) is now director, customer resolution for AllianceRx Walgreens Prime.

Jennifer Clark (Associate, Berwyn) is now vice president, ip & regulatory legal affairs for Emergent BioSolutions.

Sean Coleman (Associate, Atlanta) is now managing director, Bay Point Advisors, LLC.

Tameka Collier (Associate, Richmond) is now general counsel, Defense Security Cooperation Agency.

Jamie Cox (Partner, Raleigh) is now legal counsel at CTI Towers, Inc.

Suparna Datta (Associate, Boston) is now member, Mintz.

**Earl Della Barca** (Associate, Philadelphia) is now vp, compliance and corporate counsel for Groups Recover Together.

Lauren DeWitt (Associate, Philadelphia) is now executive director, senior legal counsel at Novartis.

**Uri Doron** (Partner, New York) is now Partner at Covington Burling.

Kelley Doran (Partner, Washington, DC) is now partner at Perkins Coie LLP.

Philip Di Mola (Associate, New York) is now corporate counsel at Amazon.

Jordan Ehrlich (Associate, New York) is now associate at Gibson Dunn & Crutcher.

**Wright Frank** (Associate, Washington, DC) is now renewable energy policy chief at the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management.

Amanda Galifinakis (Associate, Washington, DC and Richmond) is now senior legal counsel, Apple.

**Heath Golden** (Associate, New York) is now chief commercial & strategy officer for Marquee Brands.

David Goodwin (Counsel, Orange County) is now assistant general counsel at Mitsubishi Electric US, Inc.

Anne Hampton Andrews Haynes (Associate, Richmond) is now counsel at McGuireWoods.

**Melissa Hoffman** (Associate, Orange County) is now vice president, transcatheter mitral and tricuspid therapies for Edwards Lifesciences.

**Stephen Jenkins** (Associate, Washington, DC) is now managing associate general counsel at Verizon.

Cameron Kates (Associate, Philadelphia) is now chief legal officer for Yuga Labs.

Samantha Kavanaugh (Associate, Atlanta) is now partner at King & Spalding.

Jan Levine (Partner, Philadelphia) is now president & ceo at JPL Executive Coaching LLC.

Xuan Li (Associate, Orange County) is now corporate counsel at Antech Diagnostics.

Diane Lidz (Partner, Atlanta) is now general counsel at SJC Ventures.

Heather Hays Lockerman (Associate, Richmond) is now counsel at Sands Anderson PC.

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Bobby Marston (Associate, Atlanta) is now senior vice president & general counsel at Core5 Industrial Partners.

Troy McNamara (Associate, New York) is now counsel at Skadden.

**Eric Merin** (Associate, Philadelphia) is now senior corporate counsel, worldwide oncology, commercialization and development law for Bristol Myers Squibb.

**Alexander Nikas** (Associate, Philadelphia) is now vice president & assistant general counsel global commercial operations and r&d for Endo Pharmaceuticals.

Dan Noice (Associate, Atlanta) is now general counsel at Pope & Land Enterprises.

**Taylor Ocasio** (Associate, Philadelphia) is now general counsel and corporate secretary at TELA Bio.

Melissa Hatch O'Donnell (Associate, Philadelphia) is now associate senior counsel, regulatory at Cigna.

Ryan O'Neill (Associate, New York) is now partner at Riker, Danzig, Scherer, Hyland & Perretti.

**Sheila Pham** (Associate, Orange County) is now director, legal – privacy at Ring Central.

Kris Pickler (Associate, Raleigh) is now general counsel, global real estate at Honeywell.

Tom Plotkin (Associate, Washington, DC) is now special counsel at Covington & Burling LLP.

**Kaveh Rashidi-Yazd** (Associate, Atlanta) is now vice president & chief counsel of digital, innovation and technology at Eaton.

Justin Ricci (Associate, Philadelphia) is now director & lead counsel for Qlik.

**Jennifer Salinas** (Partner, Orange County) is now senior vice president, general counsel & corporate secretary at Cerence, Inc.

Preston Satchell (Associate, Philadelphia) is now content manager, labor & employment at LexisNexis.

**Atarah Savage** (Associate, Philadelphia) is now counsel at Nationwide.

**Jennifer Shields** (Associate, Philadelphia) is now general counsel & chief compliance officer at Spouting Rock.

Alexis Simpson (Associate, Atlanta) is now senior counsel II, patent strategy & analytics at Gilead Sciences.

Whitney Garrett Smith (Associate, Atlanta) is now senior counsel, real estate legal at Chick-fil-A Corporate Support Center.

Stephanie Sprenkle (Associate, Harrisburg) is now senior counsel, real estate for PNC.

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Marlon Starr (Partner, Atlanta) is now chief legal officer at RS&H.

**Keely Stewart** (Associate, Philadelphia) is now vice president, assistant corporate secretary and senior counsel, global m&a and securities for Iron Mountain.

William Still (Associate, Atlanta) is now senior vice president & senior compliance officer at Goldman Sachs.

Walter Stillwell (Associate, Atlanta) is now vice president & associate general counsel at PBS.

Edward Stromberg III (Associate, Philadelphia) is now chief legal officer for EOS Investors LLC.

**Bentina Terry** (Associate, Atlanta) is now senior vice president, customer strategy & solutions at Georgia Power – Southern Co.

**Kate Thornton** (Summer Associate, Washington, DC) is now strategy counsel, alphabet regulatory response, investigations & strategy at Google.

**Julia Weisberg** (Associate, Philadelphia) is now assistant general counsel, global regulatory for Bristol Myers Squibb.

Ben Wiles (Associate, Atlanta) is now director & senior attorney – IP at NextEra Energy, Inc.

**Steve Winnie** (Associate, Philadelphia) is now president at UAS, a TSI company.

Erica Youngerman (Associate, New York) is now an associate at Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP.

Chris Zubowicz (Associate, Philadelphia) is now senior attorney for US Government Accountability Office.

## **ALUMNI NEWS**

Congratulations to **Sharie Brown** on passing the National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD) Directorship Certification Exam! This new certification will enhance her abilities to perform fiduciary duties as a director on non-profit and corporate boards.

Judge Dan Anders is among the finalists for Attorney of the Year in the Legal Intelligencer 2022 Professional Excellence Award Winners Judge Anders and his colleague Judge Lisette Shirdan-Harris have been recognized for taking "leading roles in getting Philadelphia's civil caseloads back up and running in 2021 to ensure that the wheels of justice would not stop turning despite the COVID-19 pandemic." We wish Judge Anders all the best!

We would also like to congratulate alumni **Kay Kyungsun Yu** and **Aparna Nemlekar** for their Legal Intelligencer 2022 Professional Excellence Awards!

Tell us about your new role, latest promotion, or other accolades so we can include it in our next newsletter.

## FREE FRIDAYS PRACTICING LEGAL INSTITUTE CLE OFFERINGS

If you would like to be included in our Free Friday PLI emails, please contact Clare Roath at clare.roath@troutman.com

We also want to remind you to sign up for our Free Friday email distribution list. As part of our PLI membership, the firm is happy to offer current CLE offerings from PLI to friends of the firm. Please email clare.roath@troutman.com to add your name to the list!

## **FIRM NEWS**

- Troutman Pepper Advises Apnimed in Series C Financing to Advance Development of Novel Pharmaceutical Treatments for Obstructive Sleep Apnea and Related Sleep Disorders
- Sixteen Troutman Pepper Practices Earn National Recognition in 2022 Legal 500 US Rankings
- Troutman Pepper Secures Top National Rankings in Chambers USA 2022
- Troutman Pepper Advises Iconic Furniture Maker Heller in Sale
- Troutman Pepper eMerge Celebrates 10 Years
- Troutman Pepper Named No. 2 Construction Law Firm in the United States
- Public Law Center Names Troutman Pepper 'Law Firm of the Year' for Pro Bono Efforts