

## March 2022 Alumni Newsletter

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### A NOTE FROM STEVE AND TOM

We are pleased to share the year's first issue of our Troutman Pepper Alumni newsletter. We are happy to report that we continued to come together in 2021 producing strong results, and we are off to a solid start in 2022. Our commitment to driving progress in every area of our business has enabled us to secure new work, win cases, close transactions, and grow our firm.

Thus far, we've welcomed our [new partner and counsel class](#) and expanded our Financial Services practice with the addition of a nationally recognized team of [Consumer Financial Services attorneys](#). We also launched our Water Quality and Water Resources practice's Reflections on Water website and podcast, the [Troutman Pepper Strategies Governmental Affairs website](#), as well as the [FCRA Focus](#) and [RICO Report](#) podcasts.

We are proud of how much we've accomplished as Troutman Pepper and anticipate sharing more good news throughout the year. We also look forward to a return to greater safety, stability, and connectedness for us all.

***Steve Lewis, Chair***

**Tom Cole, Managing Partner**

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## **A NOTE FROM CLARE**

I am delighted to introduce a new addition to the Alumni Relations department, Erin Warner, manager of alumni relations. Erin joined the Pepper Hamilton legacy firm in 2006 and was previously in the Professional Development Department. We are thrilled to have Erin as part of the team; she will be an invaluable resource as we continue to build a strong, dynamic alumni program for you. She can be contacted at [erin.warner@troutman.com](mailto:erin.warner@troutman.com).

Best wishes to you and yours.

**Clare Roath**

***Director of Alumni Relations***

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## **STAYING CONNECTED**

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We hope you enjoy the March 2022 issue of our Alumni newsletter, which features interviews with Pepper Hamilton alumna Shirley Kuhlmann, executive vice president and general counsel at Collegium Pharmaceutical; and Troutman Sanders alumnus Sam Reaves, vice president, senior commercial counsel, lithium at Albemarle Corporation. Please read on to learn how their lives and roles have evolved since leaving the firm.

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## **ALUMNI SPOTLIGHTS**

**Shirley Kuhlmann**

*Executive Vice President and General Counsel*

**Collegium Pharmaceutical  
(Pepper Hamilton Legacy)**

We caught up with Shirley to learn more about her role at Collegium Pharmaceutical and how the skills she gained at the firm currently benefit her. [Read her Q&A.](#)

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**Sam Reaves**

*Vice President, Senior Commercial Counsel, Lithium*

**Albemarle Corporation  
(Troutman Sanders Legacy)**

We caught up with Sam to learn more about his role at Albemarle Corporation and how the skills he gained at the firm currently benefit him. [Read his Q&A.](#)

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**UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS – SAVE THE DATE**

Be on the lookout for invitations for in-person events in 2022!

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**FREE FRIDAY 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](mailto:clare.roath@troutman.com).

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**WE ASKED AND YOU ANSWERED**

In this new section, we are excited to share findings from the alumni survey we sent at the end of last year. Many of you responded and indicated a desire for more CLE and training opportunities going forward.

In response to your feedback, we are pleased to report that the firm offered two CLE programs in February with excellent alumni turnout:

- February 17 – Ethics and Professionalism Program – “The World Has Changed...Let’s Sort it Out”
- February 24 – “When the CEO Calls...”

We hope you can join us for the following upcoming program this March and invite you to check out our newly branded [LinkedIn page](#) for announcements about additional programs throughout the year.

- March 22 – [Incident Response – Breaking Down the Roles of the Insurer, Insured, and Counsel](#)

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](mailto:clare.roath@troutman.com) to get your name on the list!

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## FIRM NEWS

- [Law360 Recognizes Troutman Pepper Practices as 2021 Practice Groups of the Year](#)
- [Troutman Pepper Earns Perfect Score in Human Rights Campaign's 2022 Corporate Equality Index](#)
- [Troutman Pepper's M&A Practice Sets Records in 2021 with 160+ Deals with a Combined Deal Value of Over \\$32B](#)
- [Troutman Pepper Counsels Collegium Pharmaceutical in Pending \\$604M Acquisition of BioDelivery Sciences International](#)
- [28 Troutman Pepper Attorneys Named Thomson Reuters 'Stand-out Lawyers'](#)
- [Troutman Pepper Names Partner Sara Richman Chair of Pro Bono](#)

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## ALUMNI ON THE MOVE

**Laura Adams** (Associate, Philadelphia) is now director, corporate counsel at Regeneron.

**Nithya Amaraneni** (Associate, Atlanta) is now corporate counsel at Cousins Properties.

**Barak Bassman** (Partner, Philadelphia) is now a partner at Blank Rome.

**Adele Batonga** (Associate, Washington, D.C.) is now a partner at Baker McKenzie.

**Erin Colleran** (Partner, Washington, D.C.) is now a trial attorney, fraud section at the U.S. Department of Justice.

**Nicole Endejann** (Partner, Pittsburgh) is now a partner at DLA Piper.

**Adam Gajadharsingh** (Associate, Atlanta) is now a partner at Barnes & Thornburg.

**Brett Goodman** (Partner, New York) is now a partner at ArentFox Schiff.

**Joe Helmsen** (Partner, Philadelphia) is now a partner at DLA Piper.

**Mike Hochman** (Associate, Washington, D.C.) is now managing director, head of infrastructure development at Bechtel Corporation.

**Joseph Jesiolowski** (Associate, Philadelphia) is now an associate at Conrad O'Brien.

**Todd Kornfeld** (Partner, New York) is now a partner at McDermott Will & Emery.

**Merill Kraines** (Partner, New York) is now a partner at McDermott Will & Emery.

**Lauren Luptak** (Associate, Philadelphia) is now corporate counsel at Zoetis, Inc.

**David Meadows** (Partner, Atlanta) is now a partner at Alston & Bird.

**Matthew Morrissey** (Associate, Chicago) is now a partner at Faegre Drinker.

**Brenna Newman** (Associate, Richmond) is now vice president and assistant general counsel at Apex Systems.

**Alex Peurach** (Partner, Atlanta) is now a partner at Alston & Bird.

**Howard Privette** (Partner, Orange County) is now a partner at Snell & Wilmer.

**Stacey Rufe** (Associate, Richmond) is now a partner at Clyde & Co.

**Rachel Stone** (Associate, Philadelphia) is now employment counsel at Thrasio.

**Lara Thane** (Associate, Philadelphia) is now general counsel, chief compliance & privacy officer at Envoy Global.

**Harris Winsberg** (Partner, Atlanta) is now a partner at Parker, Hudson, Rainer & Dobbs.

**Christopher Zentz** (Associate, Portland) is now a partner at Van Ness Feldman.

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## ALUMNI NOTES

As the crisis in Ukraine erupted into war, we learned of many Troutman Pepper colleagues with family and friends in Ukraine and in the countries that are receiving refugees. As a result, the firm worked with the American Red Cross to raise money to support humanitarian efforts on behalf of those affected. Troutman Pepper attorneys and staff (including several retired alums) donated \$106,000 to the American Red Cross, which the firm matched dollar for dollar. As a result, our total stands at \$212,000, and counting. Troutman Pepper's longstanding shared legacy of serving those in need continues to grow, and we are heartened to see the great commitment of our people.

*Troutman Pepper would like to hear about your community engagement!*

Has the pandemic inspired a renewed sense of commitment to your neighborhood, school, or community? We want to hear from you! Please send your story to [clare.roath@troutman.com](mailto:clare.roath@troutman.com) to share with our alumni network!

*Tell us about your new role or latest promotion so that we can include it in our next newsletter.*

Email your information to [alumni@troutman.com](mailto:alumni@troutman.com)