

Troutman Pepper Alumni Newsletter — April 2024

Please enjoy the spring issue of our Alumni newsletter, which features interviews with Troutman Pepper alumni Jessica Beckett-McWalter, executive VP and chief legal officer at Arconic, and Jim Wheaton, clinical associate professor and director at the Special Education Advocacy Clinic at William & Mary Law School. This issue also includes dates for upcoming alumni receptions and free CLE offerings from PLI.

A NOTE FROM TOM AND AMIE

We are pleased to share highlights from an exciting first quarter as well as note upcoming events in several of our offices around the U.S.

First and foremost, we are thrilled to be working together as the newest chair and managing partner of Troutman Pepper and are looking forward to another successful year ahead. So far this year, we have named [six new office managing partners](#) across the firm and have added nine new talented lateral partners in our Health Sciences Transactional, Health Sciences IP, Corporate, Energy, and RISE practices. We have also recently formalized an [Incidents + Investigations team](#) that caters to a growing need for comprehensive legal services around data breaches and cybersecurity incidents. Comprised of attorneys from coast-to-coast, the team offers clients 24/7 support in this critical area.

We look forward to seeing many of you at one of our upcoming alumni receptions and at our upcoming Continuing Legal Education (CLE) sessions. In June, we will be launching our annual firmwide Week of Service, where attorneys and business professional staff will volunteer time to many deserving organizations in the communities where we work and live.

You can learn more about these events and other firm-related news and updates throughout this newsletter. Again, we look forward to staying connected in the coming months.

Hope to see you soon.

Tom and Amie

Thomas J. Cole Jr., Chair

Amie V. Colby, Managing Partner

A NOTE FROM CLARE

I hope this message finds you well and enjoying the first hints of warmer weather. As the days start to grow longer and the world shifts into spring, it is a time to reflect on the growth and renewal that this season symbolizes.

Here at Troutman Pepper, we too are experiencing a season of growth and renewal. We are continuously working on new initiatives, expanding our services, and strengthening our community ties. We are excited about the future and the opportunities it holds for us all.

As valued alumni, you are an integral part of our community. Your contributions and achievements continue to inspire us, and we are always eager to hear about your latest endeavors.

Looking ahead, we are planning a series of in-person events that will provide opportunities for networking, learning, and reconnecting with old friends. We will be sharing more details in the coming weeks, and hope that you will join us.

In the meantime, we encourage you to stay connected with us through our alumni network. Please feel free to reach out if you have any news to share, or if there's anything we can do to support you.

All the best,
Clare

Clare Roath

Director of Alumni Relations

STAYING CONNECTED

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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHTS

Jessica Beckett–McWalter*Chief Legal Officer***Arconic**

Jessica discusses her shift to an in-house role and her recent membership with Chief, a network of women executives focused on building their leadership skills. [Read her Q&A.](#)

Jim Wheaton*Clinical Associate Professor & Director***Special Education Advocacy Clinic at William & Mary Law School**

Jim shares why he chose to transition his career focus to higher education and gives good advice to junior attorneys. [Read his Q&A.](#)

2024 ALUMNI RECEPTIONS

We are excited to announce that we will be hosting seven in-person events in 2024! Venue information and event details will be shared as the dates approach. If you happen to be in the following cities on any of our reception dates, we'd love to see you there, so please mark your calendars:

Atlanta, GA: Thursday, April 11 at 5:30 p.m. (ET)

Charlotte, NC: Thursday, May 16 at 6:00 p.m. (ET)

Richmond, VA: Tuesday, June 25 at 5:30 p.m. (ET)

Detroit, MI: Wednesday, July 17 at 6:00 p.m. (ET)

New York, NY: Wednesday, September 25 at 6:00 p.m. (ET)

Berwyn, PA: Tuesday, October 1 at 5:30 p.m. (ET)

Philadelphia, PA: Thursday, October 10 at 5:30 p.m. (ET)

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND CLE OPPORTUNITIES

Be sure to check our [Firm Insights](#) page! We update it frequently with additional offerings.

Free Fridays: Practicing Law Institute CLE Offerings

As part of the firm's membership, we are happy to offer CLE offerings from PLI to friends of the firm. If you would like to be included in our Free Friday PLI email distribution, please contact [Clare Roath](#).

FIRM NEWS

[Troutman Pepper Names Six New Office Managing Partners Across the Country](#)

[Troutman Pepper Forms Incidents + Investigations Team](#)

[26 Troutman Pepper Attorneys Named Thomson Reuters 2024 'Stand-out Lawyers'](#)

[Law360 Enlists Eight Troutman Pepper Attorneys for Advisory Boards](#)

ALUMNI ON THE MOVE

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

- Sara Ash (Charlotte) is now senior counsel, Litigation at Lowe's
- Julia Assis (Philadelphia) is now assistant general counsel, Privacy & Product at Datavant
- Libby Barwick (Atlanta) is now senior counsel, Corporate and assistant secretary at National Vision Inc.
- Alp Basaran (New York) is now co-founder and co-CEO at Stealth Mode Startup
- Tiffany Palmer Bell (Atlanta) is now director and senior counsel, Global Product & IP Services at Visa
- Christina Bost-Seaton (New York) is now co-chair, Litigation Department, and partner at Pierson Ferdinand
- Sophie Bryan (Philadelphia) is now director, Mayor's Office of Policy Planning & Delivery – City of Philadelphia
- Vince Bushnell (Atlanta) is now partner at Pierson Ferdinand
- Tunde Cadmus (Philadelphia) is now senior director, assistant general counsel at Regeneron
- Jackie Chang (Atlanta) is now senior corporate counsel at Pipe
- Eric Charity (Richmond) is now partner at Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton
- Christina Congdon (Philadelphia) is now assistant vice president and counsel at Toll Brothers
- Matthew DeFrancesco (New York) is now partner at Pierson Ferdinand

- Weatherly Ralph Emans (Boston) is now partner at Pierson Ferdinand
- Cot Eversole (Atlanta/Chicago) is now deputy general counsel – Securities at CRH
- Ari Edelman (New York) is now partner at Olshan Frome Wolosky
- Todd Feinsmith (Boston) is now partner at ArentFox Schiff
- James Gallagher (Charlotte) is now partner at King & Spalding
- Brett Gelbord (Detroit) is now member at Dykema
- Heath Golden (New York) is now CEO at Marquee Brands
- Wendy Gomez (Atlanta) is now associate director, Talent Acquisition & Workplace Planning at Arcadium Lithium
- Lennon Haas (Atlanta) is now partner at Seyfarth Shaw
- Jonathan Hammond (Philadelphia) is now managing counsel, Capital Markets at Affirm
- Kate Harr-Sponsler (Philadelphia) is now VP, Law at Recursion
- Anne Hilton (New York) is now director, deputy chief compliance officer at Scotiabank – Global Banking & Markets
- Bryony Hodges (Atlanta) is now director – Security Compliance and managing counsel, Corporate Intelligence & Security at Dominion Energy
- Nicholas Howell (Atlanta) is now partner at King & Spalding
- Thomas Huszar (New York) is now partner at Fochelli Deegan Terrana
- Maryia Jones (Virginia Beach) is now partner at Baughman Kroup Bosse PLLC
- Mark Jones (Richmond) is now senior counsel at Hancock Daniel & Johnson
- Kristin Jumper (Philadelphia) is now managing director, head of Investment – Legal at Hamilton Lane
- Michael Kahn (New York) is now counsel at Mayer Brown
- Leah Katz (Philadelphia) is now senior counsel, North America Commercial Operations at CSL Behring
- Prashant Khetan (Washington, D.C.) is now senior director at Green Dot Corporation

- Matthew Kogan (Philadelphia) is now senior compliance director, head of Product, Marketing & Advertising Compliance at Vanguard
- Brielle Landis (New York) is now associate at Norton Rose Fulbright
- Frank Lane (Philadelphia) is now VP, associate general counsel – Litigation and Employment Law at Rite Aid
- Stephen Lesser (Richmond) is now CEO at Tairbhe Ventures
- Kenneth Levin (Philadelphia) is now VP, counsel – Special Projects and Litigation at WSP USA
- David Magee (Boston) is now patent attorney and shareholder at Greenberg Traurig
- Andrew Maher (Philadelphia) is now member at Steptoe & Johnson
- Brent Morowitz (New York) is now partner at Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman
- Bill Mullins (Washington, D.C.) is now managing partner at Mullins Law Group
- Henry Nimoityn (Philadelphia) is now associate at Fox Rothschild
- Caroline Patterson (Philadelphia) is now partner at Saul Ewing
- Leslie Peters (Philadelphia) is now special counsel at Bowles Rice
- James Pincow (New York) is now executive director and assistant general counsel at JP Morgan Chase
- Vanessa Pollard (Washington, D.C.) is now partner, co-chair FDA Practice Group at DLA Piper
- Julien Polk (Charlotte) is now associate general counsel, director at American Tire Distributors
- Peter Schnore (Pittsburgh) is now managing principal at Schnore Law
- Michael Schuman (Atlanta) is now senior executive VP and general counsel at Greensky
- Kara Suno (Washington, D.C.) is now managing director, Anti-Money Laundering & Global Sanctions officer at Charles Schwab
- Mashal Shah (Washington, D.C.) is now corporate legal counsel at ESAB
- David Skinner (Philadelphia) is now assistant general counsel, Office of Corporate Governance at Exelon
- Joseph Tate (Philadelphia) is now senior director at FTI Consulting

- Daniel Terhune (Atlanta) is now lawyer at Fresenius Kabi
- Brienne Terril (Pittsburgh) is now senior director and senior managing counsel, co-head of Intellectual Property Legal at BNY Mellon
- Bentina Terry (Atlanta) is now president and CEO, Southern Linc & Southern Telecom, Inc. at Southern Company
- Harrison Taylor (Charlotte) is now counsel at Ellenoff Grossman & Schole
- Leah Tedford (Richmond/Philadelphia) is now partner at Montgomery McCracken Walker & Rhoads
- Ken Thompson (Atlanta) is now partner at Pierson Ferdinand
- Brent Timberlake (Richmond) is now managing VP, chief counsel at Capital One
- Kate Van Scoy (Philadelphia) is now managing director and deputy general counsel at FS Investments
- Michael Vives (New York) is now partner at King & Spalding
- Curtis Wadsworth (Pittsburgh) is now owner of Nerd Lawyer
- Steven Weinstein (Philadelphia) is now VP, Vaccines and chief commercial counsel at Pfizer
- Megan Brennan Wood (Washington, D.C.) is now foreign service officer at U.S. Department of State
- Chris Zentz (Portland) is now partner at Steptoe