

Troutman Pepper Alumni Newsletter — December 2022

A NOTE FROM STEVE AND TOM

As we approach year-end, we are thankful for our clients and the complex work they entrust to us, our ability to address the unprecedented need for competent and effective representation of vulnerable populations through our pro bono projects, and progress in creating equitable and inclusive environments through our DE+I initiatives.

We could not do any of it without the commitment of our dedicated colleagues — former and present— who inspire us to provide exceptional service for our clients and communities.

We are equally grateful to have been able to reconnect with so many of our alumni this past year, and to strengthen that tie through your participation in several in-person receptions, CLE programs, and other firm events.

We wish you and your loved ones all the best this holiday season and look forward to staying connected in 2023.

Happy holidays from all of us at Troutman Pepper.

Steve Lewis, Chair

Tom Cole, Managing Partner

A NOTE FROM CLARE

In reflecting on the past year, I have to say that the energy in the room during our in-person events was invigorating! It was heartwarming to hear how the conversations between old friends and new colleagues flowed so effortlessly. As one alum wrote after our Richmond reception:

“It was a reminder to all of us alumni there that not only were we once a part of something great, but that we still are...”

So, let's keep these conversations flowing in the new year! Be sure to pass along your news, suggestions, insights and questions to our Alumni Relations team. Let us help support your efforts, and know how grateful we are for your support of ours. We'll be in touch!

Wishing you a very happy holiday season and a peaceful and prosperous new year.

Clare Roath

Director of Alumni Relations

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This issue features our Alumni Relations year in review, details about upcoming CLE opportunities, and recent

alumni news and moves.

WITH GRATITUDE – OUR YEAR IN REVIEW

The Alumni Relations team started the year collecting feedback from our alumni community. Based on the high-interest areas identified in those responses, we focused on creating opportunities for our alums to attend in-person events, share what they are doing now, and participate in CLE and other firm programs and events. We are pleased to report that by the end of this year we have:

- Hosted eight in-person alumni receptions across our offices.
- Enhanced “Alumni Spotlights” and “Alumni On The Move” features in the quarterly newsletters.
- Collaborated with other in-house professional teams to include our alumni in over 15 CLE and other firm programs.

We can't thank you enough for your support and participation in our endeavors. Whenever we put out a call, our alums answer in spades! Many thanks to those who took the time to share their stories in our newsletters, serve as panelists for events near and far, join us for receptions and other social and learning events, participate in our contests and programs, read our newsletter, and interact on our [LinkedIn](#) page.

We are eagerly working to expand our offerings to include new and meaningful ways to stay well-connected in the new year. In the meantime, best wishes to all for a safe, healthy, and very happy holiday season!

SEASONAL TREATS AND TRADITIONS

In the spirit of the season, a few folks around the firm shared their favorite holiday or seasonal treats and traditions with us. We invite you to share your favorites, too!

[Add your comment](#) on the LinkedIn post ~ and feel free to include photos or recipes. We're excited to see how you celebrate!

AUSTRALIAN FRUIT CAKE

Courtesy of Patricia Ellard



Christmas in Australia falls in the height of summer, where it's often 100 degrees on Christmas Day. Nonetheless, for many years, families including mine sat down to a hot roast dinner at lunchtime! Eventually, the cooks revolted and left the hot kitchen in favor of BBQs, salads, and seafood platters to celebrate the season. If they aren't taking a swim, many also play backyard cricket after lunch!

While some traditions change, some stay the same, and in our family, that tradition is fruit cake. My nan used to make it, then my mum, and now me. We did transition from a steamed fruit pudding to a Christmas cake. I miss the pudding, but I love the cake. I've supplied [the recipe](#), and I do take a few liberties from what appears on paper. I soak my fruit in whatever alcoholic spirit I have at hand (rum, brandy, etc.) for a week. This process starts mid-late November. Then I bake the cake. Once cooled I wrap it in foil and Saran Wrap and store it in an airtight container in a dark place. Two weeks later I 'feed' the cake by poking holes in the top and brushing a tablespoon or two of said spirit over the cake. The holes ensure the liquid soaks in. Then it is lovingly rewrapped and stored again for another week or two. And so on until it's time for Christmas.

No one in our house likes that white marzipan icing, so I generally dust the cake with powdered sugar, top it with a festive decoration and place it on the table. I keep the recipe in a book my sister-in-law gave me on the eve of our wedding, where she shared her favorite 15 or so recipes, leaving the rest of the book blank. I've added my favorites to it, including the Christmas cake.

CHRISTMAS TAMALES

Courtesy of Román Hernández



In most Mexican and Mexican-American homes, Christmas is celebrated with tamales, which is a traditional meal eaten then. I have some very fond childhood memories of the beautiful aromas from the tamales that my mom would make for our family. It truly was a labor of love, and was a full-day affair and very labor intensive to prepare the meat filling, soak the corn husks, prepare the *masa*, spread the *masa* into the corn husks, add the meat filling, then steam them. My mom and my five sisters would have an assembly line going to prepare dozens and dozens of tamales. I tried to help, but I was probably more in the way than anything. What I was really good at, however, was eating them! I regret that I did not pay more attention to replicate her recipe and enjoy this Christmas tradition with my family.

TRADITIONAL SPRITZGEBÄCK COOKIES

Courtesy of Tricia Brauer



Anyone who works with me knows I have a HUGE sweet tooth, so it's probably no surprise that one of my most treasured holiday traditions involves cookies. For me, the holidays were never about the presents, going to see Santa, or playing in the snow (let's be honest – I begged to stay inside and read instead). Instead, Christmas magic was created in the tiny kitchen of my childhood home, where my mom would bake batches of holiday cookies and treats almost every day after school starting December 1. Sugar cookies, chocolate covered peanuts and pretzels, thumbprints, snickerdoodles... the list goes on. But my favorite cookie that my mom would make were

the Christmas tree spritz cookies, or spritzgebäck, made with the cookie press and recipe lovingly brought to the United States when my great-grandmother's family immigrated from Germany in the early 1900s.

Until I graduated from high school, my mom made HUNDREDS of spritzgebäck each holiday season, and I'm not ashamed to say I probably ate about half of them on my own. I can't tell you what exactly drew me to the tiny green trees or why they are my favorite. Maybe because of the strong connection to family I feel thinking of generations past who made and ate these cookies? Perhaps it's because they are a testament of my mom's love for me – knowing that year after year she insists on pressing out the cookies by herself, despite the severe arthritis in her fingers and hands? Or maybe the cookies just REALLY are that good. No matter what – the holiday season hasn't started, and won't, until I visit my parents where a batch of spritz cookies will be waiting for me. [Click here for the recipe](#) and I hope you enjoy them as much as I do!

SWEET AND SAVORY TREATS

Courtesy of Bennet Moskowitz



Holiday time includes enjoying big popcorn tins – you know, those giant ones that you (not me) may be too embarrassed to buy outside the holiday season. Also, Bridgewater Chocolate, a Connecticut favorite. “Green cake” is also good for the holidays and a family favorite. Basically, it's a pistachio Bundt cake made using boxed cake mix and pistachio pudding mix. You can find many variations online and make it your own.

UPCOMING CLE OPPORTUNITIES

Mark your calendars, keep an eye on your inbox and share with fellow alums!

2023 Northeast Private Equity Conference

Thursday, January 26 • 1:30 – 2:30 pm. ET

Troutman Pepper is proud to continue our support of the Small Business Investor Alliance (SBIA) and its conferences around the country.

The 2023 SBIA Northeast Private Equity Conference will take place on January 26 – 27, 2023 at the Lotte New

York Palace. The event offers insight into U.S. economic trends, updates about potential policy changes affecting your fund's bottom line, and strategic, high-level networking opportunities with middle market colleagues.

[Register here.](#)

Ethics & Professionalism CLE with Stuart Teicher

Tuesday, February 21 • 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. ET

Stay tuned for full program details!

Free Fridays Practicing Legal Institute CLE Offerings

As part of our PLI membership, the firm is happy to offer current CLE offerings from PLI to friends of the firm. If you would like to be included in our Free Friday PLI emails, please contact Clare Roath at clare.roath@troutman.com

Be sure to follow us on [LinkedIn](#) for additional CLE and learning opportunities.

ALUMNI ON THE MOVE

Robert Auritt (New York) is now partner at Cowan, DeBaets, Abrahams and Sheppard LLP

Suzanne D'Amico Brodock (New York) is now senior claims director at Chubb

Kristina Fausti Broumand (Washington, D.C.) is now associate general counsel for Zappos.com

Sophie Bryan (Philadelphia) is now project director, Philadelphia research and policy initiative for The Pew Charitable Trusts

Bill Burger (Orange County) is now partner at Burger Meyer LLP

Brian Carmody (Philadelphia) is now executive vice president, deputy general counsel, and head of consumer and payments legal at Citizens

Andy Chan (San Francisco) is now associate general counsel for Infineon Technologies

Puja Dave (New York) is now senior corporate counsel for Informa

Patrick Dillard (Richmond) is now an associate at McGuireWoods LLP

Kyle Dumont (New York) is now director of digital operations and design at Morgan Lewis & Bockius LLP

Craig Elkins (Chicago) is now vice president, head of corporate and health care law for Fresenius Kabi USA

Ben Fisher (Raleigh/Portland) is now vice president and associate region counsel, west region for D.R. Horton

Emily Giraldo (Philadelphia) is now an associate at Wilkinson, Barker & Knauer LLP

Jennifer Green (Philadelphia) is now assistant general counsel, head of global commercialization and market access for Jazz Pharmaceuticals

Frank “TJ” Griffin (Philadelphia) is now senior counsel at Grant & Eisenhofer P.A.

Stephanie Haas (Chicago) is now vice president, corporate litigation, compliance and public policy for Amerisure Insurance

Lori Sachs Harrison (New York) is now trademark counsel at Proskauer Rose

Derek Hines (Philadelphia) is now an assistant U.S. attorney at the U.S. Department of Justice, Criminal Division

Jasmine Hites (Portland) is now senior counsel for Lightsource bp

Paul Jay (Richmond) is now strategic customer engagements for Amazon Web Services

Colleen Kelly (Philadelphia) is now vice president, legal and chief compliance officer for Agile Therapeutics

Tom Kozik (Atlanta) is now director and associate general counsel for Amazon

Jason Kurtyka (Philadelphia) is now a judicial law clerk for the U.S Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

Francis “Frank” Lane (Philadelphia) is now assistant general counsel, litigation for Rite Aid

Suzanne Forbis Mack (Philadelphia) is now vice president, counsel and compliance for Eagle Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Matt Meltzer (Philadelphia) is now counsel at Flaster Greenberg

Eric Merin (Philadelphia) is now assistant general counsel (executive director) global medical capabilities and development for Bristol Myers Squibb

Sergey Milyukov (Philadelphia) is now associate general counsel for Rumble

Marc Nickel (Washington, D.C.) is now an associate at McGuireWoods LLP

Seth Oltman (Princeton) is now director, MLR counsel for Sun Pharma

Corinne Marie Pouliquen (Washington, D.C.) is now senior counsel at Calderon, Safran & Cole, P.C.

Dixon Revell (Atlanta) is now partner at Nicholson Revell

Jeffery Rosenstein (New York) is now executive vice president and general counsel for STO Building Group

Bob Seabolt (Richmond) is now partner/chief operating officer at Scott + Scott LLP

April Denise Seabrook (Washington, D.C.) is now and attorney advisor for the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

Danielle Schmidt (Chicago) is now associate general counsel for Eyecare Partners

Lou Segreti (Charlotte) is now senior associate at Smith, Terry, Johnson & Windle

Paul Sharobeem (Atlanta) is now associate general counsel – corporate, securities and governance for Century Aluminum

Leah Singleton (Atlanta) is now senior corporate counsel – executive compensation for NCR Corporation

Malinda Steeb (Washington, D.C.) is now regional counsel for Edens

Keely Stewart (Philadelphia) is now vice president, assistant corporate secretary and group counsel, global M&A, securities, North America for Iron Mountain

Ronald Sum (Hong Kong) is now partner at Baker McKenzie

Brent Timberlake (Richmond) is now vice president, senior associate general counsel, card operations and payments for Capital One

Michael Wang (Philadelphia) is now corporate attorney for WuXi App Tec

Christine Washington (Washington, D.C.) is now head of DC operations and director of programs for The Archer Center

FIRM NEWS

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