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Troutman Pepper Alumni Newsletter — July 2024

Please enjoy the summer issue of our Alumni newsletter, which features interviews with Troutman Pepper alumni Hannah Dowd McPhelin, Legal Counsel at Mayo Clinic, and Adam Libove, Deputy Bureau Chief of the Public Integrity Bureau at Kings County District Attorney's Office. This issue also includes dates for upcoming Alumni Receptions and free CLE offerings from PLI.

A NOTE FROM TOM AND AMIE

We are excited to share several highlights from an eventful second quarter and spotlight some upcoming events that are taking place across our offices in the coming months.

Since April, we have welcomed five new lateral partners across our Capital Projects + Infrastructure, Corporate, Energy, and Finance + Restructuring practices – [Alexandra Barrage](#), [Lloyd MacNeil](#), [Alex Rovira](#), [Trevor Salter](#), and [Jeff Strenkowski](#). Through the first half of the year, 14 lateral partners have joined the firm, broadening our client base and enhancing our capabilities.

In May, the firm hosted a first-of-its-kind generative AI event, “Pathfinders Beyond Boundaries: Law Firm AI Summit”, where leaders from more than 20 law firms joined Troutman Pepper to discuss the use of generative AI in the legal industry, including associated use cases, training, ethical obligations, policy implications, and more. In August, we look forward to celebrating the first anniversary of our generative AI assistant, Athena.

The firm also recently hosted its annual firmwide Week of Service, where nearly 900 attorneys and business professional staff participated in over 70 service projects in many of the communities where we work and live.

We will be hosting several upcoming alumni receptions and offering Continuing Legal Education (CLE) sessions over the next few months. You can learn more about these events and other firm-related news and updates throughout this newsletter.

Looking forward to staying connected.

Tom and Amie

Thomas J. Cole Jr., Chair

Amie V. Colby, Managing Partner

A NOTE FROM CLARE

I hope this message finds you in the midst of summer fun!

We've been having a great time celebrating and connecting with our alumni in several offices and are so excited to continue this fall!

Our alums remain a vital part of the Troutman Pepper community and we are grateful for the opportunity to celebrate your achievements and continue supporting each other's efforts.

We hope to see many of you at our upcoming receptions and programs and hope that you all stay involved in sharing your news, updates, and achievements.

I hope the remainder of your summer is relaxing and rejuvenating and spent with the people who make you happiest ~ enjoy!

All the best,
Clare

Clare Roath
Director of Alumni Relations

LET'S STAY CONNECTED!

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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHTS

Hannah Dowd McPhelin
Legal Counsel, Mayo Clinic

[Read her Q&A.](#)

Adam Libove
Deputy Bureau Chief, Public Integrity Bureau at Kings County District Attorney's Office

[Read his Q&A.](#)

2024 ALUMNI RECEPTIONS

We had a wonderful time at our recent receptions in Atlanta, Charlotte, Richmond, and Detroit and are excited to continue celebrating with our alums this fall! Check out event photos on our Alumni LinkedIn Page: [click here](#) for access or to join.

For those who have relocated or may be visiting any of the following areas on event dates, we'd love to see you! If you can join us, please email alumni@troutman.com and we'll gladly add you to the guest list.

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

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

Berwyn, PA: Tuesday, October 15 at 5:30 p.m.

Troutman Pepper Affinity Groups

At Troutman Pepper, we are deeply committed to fostering a diverse, equitable, and inclusive workplace where every individual feels valued and empowered. Our DEI affinity groups play a vital role in this mission by celebrating our differences and promoting understanding. Each of our six affinity groups is comprised of attorneys and staff who share common characteristics, as well as their allies. Affinity group members work to advance equity and inclusion inside and outside of the firm through meaningful dialogue, educational programs, community outreach, and advocacy initiatives.

[Click here](#) if you would like to receive news, resources, or invitations to alumni-inclusive programs and events from one or more of our affinity groups.

2024 Summer Associates

It's been an exciting summer as the firm welcomed 75 talented Summer Associates from 32 distinguished law schools across the country to work in 14 of our offices this summer.

Troutman Pepper is honored to be part of their career journey and we wish each of our Summer Associates continued success! If you would like to share any words of wisdom or encouragement with our Summer Associates, feel free to post on our [Alumni LinkedIn page](#).

Troutman Pepper's Week of Service

We are pleased to report that once again, Troutman Pepper's attorneys and professional staff rolled up their sleeves and took action to make the 2024 Week of Service a great success! As Tom and Amie noted, almost 900 firm volunteers assisted over 70 organizations. We thank our office administrators and team captains for their dedicated efforts coordinating these projects and are proud of our attorneys and staff members for ensuring that Troutman Pepper's legacy of meaningful service remains strong.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND CLE OPPORTUNITIES

Directors' Perspectives: What Corporate Boards Need to Know Now

July 31, 2024 1:00 p.m. (ET)

Troutman Pepper is a proud sponsor of this webinar, which will explore the hot button issues currently facing corporate boards. A panel of distinguished women directors will discuss how corporate boards are approaching cybersecurity, technology, ESG, DEI, crisis management, and other timely topics.

Current and prospective directors will learn how to leverage their skill sets to meet the needs of forward-looking corporate boards. [Click here to register!](#)

Virginia CLE Marathon

October 28, 2024 at the [Richmond Office](#)

October 29, 2024 at the [Virginia Beach Office](#)

Registration opens in early September

Join Troutman Pepper attorneys, alumni, and clients to earn up to 6 hours of pre-recorded Virginia MCLE credits plus 2 hours of live ethics credit each day. Breakfast, lunch, and an afternoon happy hour will be provided each day.

[Click here](#) to update your contact information and keep an eye on your inbox for additional details in early September.

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](#).

Be sure to check the **Troutman Pepper Hub** from time to time to access on-demand CLE opportunities. Clicking [this link](#) will direct you to the Hub on our firm's website. Feel free to use these resources yourself or share with others.

FIRM NEWS

[Troutman Pepper, Dominion Energy Secure Victory for Veterans at U.S. Supreme Court](#)

[Troutman Pepper Receives 2024 Beacon of Justice Award for Civil, Human Rights Work](#)

[Troutman Pepper to Host First-of-its-Kind Generative AI Summit for Law Firms](#)

[Troutman Pepper Announces Top National Rankings in Chambers USA 2024](#)

[Troutman Pepper to Host Inaugural 'Groundbreakers' Summit on Law Firm Data Innovation](#)

[Troutman Pepper Announces 2024 Legal 500 US Rankings](#)

ALUMNI ON THE MOVE

Tell us about any recent moves, new roles, or promotions you or your fellow alums have made – we'd love to share details in our next newsletter!

Kerri Braun (Atlanta) is now senior corporate counsel, AI/ML, Trade Secrets, and Data Strategy at Cisco

Bridget Casey (Philadelphia) is now associate at landman Corsi Ballaine & Ford

Chitrajit (CJ) Chandrashekhar (San Francisco) is now intellectual property attorney at Sheppard Mullin

Carrie Collier-Brown (Washington, D.C.) is now partner at Husch Blackwell

Ashanti Crawford (Philadelphia) is now assistant dean of career strategy & advancement at Villanova University

Charles Widger School of Law

Allison DeLaurentis (Philadelphia) is now senior counsel, litigation & government investigations at Bristol Myers Squibb

Ebone Dryver (Richmond) is now assistant general counsel at Ferguson

Carol Dwyer DeFreitas (Newport Beach) is now counsel, labor & employment at Montage Legal Group

Ari Edelman (New York) is now principal at Edelman Advisory LLC

Sean Ehni (Atlanta) is now assistant general counsel at Novelis

Genevre Ferrero (Atlanta) is now assistant general counsel – real estate at Beazer Homes

Daisy Flores (Irvine) is now corporate counsel at LIBERTY Dental Plan

Gabby Fulton (Atlanta) is now senior counsel at Chick-fil-A Corporate Support Center

Stacy Funderburke (Atlanta) is now vice president – Central Southeast Region, Georgia & Alabama State Director at The Conservation Fund

James Gallagher (New York) is now partner at King & Spalding

Lisa Geary (Pittsburgh) is now patent agent at Eckert Seamans

Lana Gladstein (Boston) is now general counsel at Seaport Therapeutics

Sandra Gravanti (Atlanta) is now general counsel at IEM

Nick Harper (Atlanta) is now senior counsel, real estate legal – new restaurant development at Chick-fil-A Corporate Support Center

Todd Heffner (Atlanta) is now counsel at Smith Gambrell Russell

Stephanie Hewardine (Dunnsville) is now counsel at Coalition, Inc.

Matt Hrutkay (San Diego) is now attorney at Davis, Wright & Tremaine

Immanuel Kim (New York) is now transaction counsel at World Insurance Associates LLC

Matt Kirsner (Richmond) is now partner at Williams Mullen

Amy Klann (New York) is now counsel at Foley Hoag

Eric Lacerte (Philadelphia) is now general counsel & dpo H3S at International SOS

Leslie Levin (New York) is now partner at Hinman, Howard & Kattell, LLP

Sophia Lin (Philadelphia) is now judicial intern at US District for the Eastern District of New York

Jesse K. Martin (Washington, D.C.) is now vice president and associate general counsel at Motion Picture Association

Elizabeth McKeever (Washington, D.C.) is now general counsel at Soltage LLC

Meagan Mihalko (Henrico) is now assistant general counsel, decision intelligence at Early Warning

Frank Montes de Oca (Atlanta) is now associate at Greenberg Traurig

Jeff Morgan (Atlanta) is now counsel at Ballard Spahr

Oliver Newman (Philadelphia) is now securities and governance counsel at Telix Pharmaceuticals Limited

Josh Norris (Atlanta) is now head of global total rewards at Confluent

Katie Parker (Richmond) is now vice president/assistant general counsel at Schnabel Engineering

Leslie Parpart (Richmond) is now assistant vice president, community and inclusion at CarMax

Chip Presten (Atlanta) is now partner at Pierson Ferdinand LLP

Michael Pronin (Philadelphia) is now litigation associate at Kirkland & Ellis

Todd Richards (Detroit) is now general counsel, chief compliance & ethics officer at DTE Energy

Christian Riley (Pittsburgh) is now staff attorney at Neighborhood Legal Services

Bethany Robinson (New York) is now associate at Cooley

Danielle Schmidt (Chicago) is now vice president and deputy general counsel, OPH Division at EyeCare Partners

James Saling (New York) is now associate general counsel at North American Partners in Anesthesia

Avi Schick (New York) is now partner at Faegre Drinker

Amir Shachmurove (Washington, D.C.) is now Associate at Brown Rudnick

Abbey Thornhill Wallace (Richmond) is now attorney at the Federal Trade Commission

Zayne Tweed (Washington, DC) is now senior vice president & general counsel at Burke & Herbert Bank

Richard Wetzel (Richmond) is now deputy general counsel – regulatory compliance at Dominion Energy

Ben Wiles (Atlanta) is now senior director & managing attorney – intellectual property at NextEra Energy

David Wilson (Atlanta) is now senior vice president & general counsel at FARO Technologies

Katelyn Winslow (Philadelphia) is now counsel, executive compensation and employee benefits at Saul Ewing

Alicia Worthy (Atlanta) is now principal attorney at Vaco