

# Troutman Pepper Alumni Newsletter — October 2023

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## A NOTE FROM STEVE AND TOM

We are pleased to share highlights from Q3 as well as note upcoming events in offices around the country.

During this quarter we welcomed lateral partners in our Private Equity and our Regulatory Investigations, Strategy, and Enforcement practices. We also welcomed 64 entry level associates in 17 practice groups across 14 of our offices. And this month, members of our partnership met face-to-face for the second time post-pandemic at our annual partner retreat.

We also announced the firmwide release of Athena, a firm-approved, ChatGPT application to help attorneys and business professionals safely and effectively use generative AI to improve workflows and enhance overall user and client experiences. Athena represents the next step in our exploration and adoption of generative AI to streamline internal processes quickly and effectively to deliver more value to our clients.

We are excited that Tom will succeed Steve as the firm's chair, and Amie Colby, in turn, will succeed Tom as managing partner, effective January 1, 2024. Steve will remain a partner in the firm. We look forward to this new

chapter and to working with Amie in her new leadership role.

Please be sure to read the full newsletter to learn more about firm-related news, activities, updates, and more.

Hope to see you soon.

Steve and Tom

***Steve Lewis, Chair***

***Tom Cole, Managing Partner***

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## **A NOTE FROM CLARE**

As we wrap up our 2023 reception season, I'd like to thank all who joined us in eight cities to celebrate friendships and professional connections. Throughout our careers, we have the privilege of interacting with a diverse group of colleagues, mentors, clients, and friends. Those relationships have a long-standing impact on us both professionally and personally and feeling the energy in the room when our attorneys and alums reconnect is hard to measure but exciting to experience. Please enjoy some photos!

Atlanta	Philadelphi a
Boston	Richmond
Charlotte	San Francisco
New York	Washington, DC

Our team is eagerly working to find more opportunities to connect in 2024!

All the best,

Clare

**Clare Roath**

**Director of Alumni Relations**

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## STAYING CONNECTED

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Please enjoy the fall issue of our alumni newsletter, which features an interview with Troutman Pepper alumni David Slovensky, general counsel at Georgia Power Company; dates for an upcoming alumni reception, and free CLE offerings from PLI.

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## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHTS

**David Slovensky**

*General Counsel*

**Georgia Power Company**

David shares what he enjoys most about his current role at Georgia Power Company and the adjustments of transitioning in-house. Read his [Q&A](#).

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## WELCOME CLASS OF 2023!

In September, we were thrilled to welcome the Class of 2023! This talented group of new lawyers has been acclimating to firm life, meeting new colleagues, and working diligently on client matters. We wish them all the best!

We invite you to share a welcome message of your own – you can post words of encouragement or favorite advice on our [Alumni LinkedIn page](#) using #troutmanpepperALUMNI – our ELAs would love to hear from you!

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## MEET ATHENA – TROUTMAN PEPPER'S OWN GENERATIVE AI VIRTUAL ASSISTANT

At Troutman Pepper, innovation is part of our culture. [Read more](#) about Troutman Pepper's Generative AI Task Force and how its collaborative efforts are leading the charge to develop safe and useful GenAI tools like Athena to improve firm processes and client experiences.

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## THANK YOU! ALUMNI PANEL PRESENTATION TO SUMMER ASSOCIATES

Many thanks to Shakara Barnes, Lior Haas, and Melissa Hatch O'Donnell for taking time to speak with our summer associates about how the impact their firm experiences and strong professional networks had in their

unique career journeys.

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## UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND CLE OPPORTUNITIES

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

### **The Art of International Arbitration CLE: Practical Advice in International Arbitration**

Thursday, November 2 from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. (ET)

*In-person at Troutman Pepper's Philadelphia Office*

Join us for an in-person full day CLE seminar covering cutting-edge topics in international commercial arbitration. Our presenters, a mix of practitioners, arbitrators, in-house counsel, and arbitral institution representatives, will provide insight and practical guidance on some of the most critical issues parties face in connection with international arbitration proceedings. [Click here](#) to register and review CLE details.

### **23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Charting Your Own Course Career Conference (CYOC)**

December 7-10, 2023 in Orlando

We are excited to share that partner Kassem Lucas will be presenting on December 8 at the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Charting Your Own Course Career Conference, a professional development conference directed to the career and life needs of professionals of color. The conference runs from December 7 to 10 in Orlando. [Click here](#) to see the agenda and details.

### **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 at [clare.roath@troutman.com](mailto:clare.roath@troutman.com).

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## FIRM NEWS

[Troutman Pepper Forms Corporate Espionage Response Team](#)

[Leadership Council on Legal Diversity Recognizes Troutman Pepper with 2023 Top Performer, Compass Award Designations](#)

[Troutman Pepper Achieves Mansfield Certification for Sixth Consecutive Year](#)

[Troutman Pepper Promotes 26 Partners, 9 Counsel](#)

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## ALUMNI ON THE MOVE

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

- Matt Almand (Atlanta) is now executive director, labor & employment at Chick fil A Corporate Support Center
- Nithya Amaraneni (Atlanta) is now director of legal counsel, real estate at Warner Bros Discovery
- Jason Barlow (Norfolk) is now vice president & general counsel at CMA
- Meredith Barnes (Atlanta) is now a career counselor at Emory University School of Law
- Molly Mackin Borden (Atlanta) is now owner of Mackin Borden Law LLC
- Megan Bigelow (Boston) is now vice president – legal, assistant general counsel at Sonesta Hotels
- Rob Browne (Chicago) is now litigation counsel at Gallagher Barrett
- Andrew Buxbaum (Richmond) is now general counsel at Old Point National Bank
- Albert Chau (Hong Kong) is now general counsel of Airport Authority Hong Kong
- Brea Croteau (Atlanta) is now litigation counsel at FUJIFILM Holdings America
- Paris Waterman Dupree (Philadelphia) is now vice president, assistant general counsel – sports entertainment media and brand at JP Morgan Chase & Co
- Emily Feagle (Orange County) is now associate General Counsel at MaxLinear
- Jenny Kim (Orange County) is now associate general counsel at Virgin Galactic
- Jessica Kirkland (Richmond) is now senior corporate counsel, securities & governance at CarMax
- Jessica Lohr (San Diego) is now legal counsel at RealPage, Inc.
- Jean Rowe Luciani (Atlanta) is now assistant director of the Career Development Office at UGA School of Law
- Ivan Knauer (Philadelphia) is now partner at SECIL Law PLLC
- Hilary Lang (Philadelphia) is now senior corporate counsel, product support at Genentech
- Tyler Mann (Atlanta) is now assistant U.S. attorney, violent crimes and national security at the U.S. Department of Justice

- Tom Marshall (Portland) is now corporate counsel at Vestas
- Erin Reeves McGinnis (Atlanta) is now general counsel at United Homes Group, Inc.
- Jessica Beckett-McWalter (Pittsburgh) is now executive vice president & chief legal officer at Arconic
- David Meadows (Atlanta) is now partner at Watstein Terepka, LLP
- Majda Muhic (Atlanta) is now senior legal counsel at F-Secure Corporation
- Uzoamaka Okoye (New York) is now chief of staff at The New Terminal One at JFK
- Julia Sammin (Philadelphia) is now corporate counsel at Rock-It Global
- Drew Schinzel (Philadelphia) is now associate director, litigation & investigations at Astellas Pharma US
- Christina Shifton (Rochester) is now supervising attorney at Congressional Research Service
- Andy Snowden (Boston) is now senior counsel at Vertex Pharmaceuticals
- Suzanne Sturdivant Satterfield (Atlanta) is now vice president & legal counsel, global rights management at Warner Bros. Discovery
- Rachel Spitz (Richmond) is now senior vice president & general counsel at UChicago Medicine
- Sean Sullivan (Raleigh) is now shareholder at Williams Mullen
- Sif Thorgeirsson (Washington, D.C.) is now senior director, investigation & engagement at the Fair Labor Association
- Brent Timberlake (Richmond) is now managing vice president, chief counsel of banking premium products, business cards and payments at Capital One
- Ryan Tooley (Philadelphia) is now partner at Chapman and Cutler
- Trenton Ward (Atlanta) is now shareholder at Greenberg Traurig
- Steve Winnie (Harrisburg) is now chief legal and compliance officer for Incenter Lender Services
- Melanie Witte (San Francisco) is now manager, eRisk Claims at Crum & Forster
- Em Wright (Atlanta) is now assistant professor of law at Stetson University College of Law
- Hilary Young (Atlanta) is now senior vice president Claims at Ategrity Specialty Insurance Company

- Charlie Zdebski (Atlanta) is now member at Cozen O'Connor
- Chris Zentz (Portland) is now partner at Steptoe & Johnson LLP