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# Troutman Pepper Locke Alumni Newsletter – Spring 2026

Please enjoy the winter edition of Troutman Pepper Locke's Alumni Newsletter.

## A Message From Firm Leaders

As we wrap up the first quarter of 2026 and move into a busy and energizing season for Troutman Pepper Locke, we are pleased to share updates from the past quarter and highlight exciting initiatives in the months ahead.

Over the past few months, we've continued to strengthen our platform by welcoming two lateral partners to the firm: Ryan O'Neil (Health Care + Life Sciences Litigation) and Allison Perlman (Energy Transactional). Their experience and perspectives further enhance our capabilities and support the continued growth of our practices and industries.

Looking ahead, we are preparing to welcome more than 100 summer associates in May for a substantive, mentorship-focused program designed to help them build meaningful connections and develop their skills within the firm. We are also looking forward to our 2026 Week of Service during the week of June 8, when lawyers and business professionals from across the firm come together to support organizations in the communities where we live and work. This is a firm tradition we are proud to continue each year. In addition, we encourage you to join us for upcoming Continuing Legal Education sessions and alumni attorney receptions, which will offer opportunities to reconnect with former colleagues and stay current on developments across key practice areas.

Our alumni community remains an important part of the firm's fabric, and we are grateful for the many ways you continue to stay connected. We look forward to seeing many of you at future programs and events and continuing to strengthen this network in the months ahead.

Tom, Amie, David, and Ashley

**Tom Cole**
Chair

**Amie Colby**
Managing Partner

**David Taylor**
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**Ashley Taylor**
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## A Message From the Alumni Relations Team

The 2026 Winter Olympic and Paralympic games were welcome bright spots many of us enjoyed during the often-dreary early months of the year. Across events and nations, we watched elite athletes demonstrate that even at the highest levels of competition, no one succeeds alone. Behind each competitor stood a team of coaches, family, teammates, and friendly rivals to celebrate victories, sharpen focus, elevate performance, and offer support through disappointments and challenges.

That spirit of competitive camaraderie is familiar to our attorney and alumni communities. During your time at the firm, you trained side by side, shared mentors, developed strategies, built support systems, and gained experiences that shaped the professionals you are today. Now, you may hold a role as opposing counsel or business rivals with the same people you consider mentors, peers, and friends. As leaders in your fields, you understand the value that stems from strengthening ties with these “friendly rivals” to elevate both your individual practice and the profession as a whole.

Let Troutman Pepper Locke’s alumni network serve as your home-ice advantage in strengthening your ties and advancing your goals!

### Tap Into Our Knowledge, Insights, Tools, and Connections

- Subscribe to practice group alerts, newsletters, and thought leadership to stay ahead of legal and business developments that matter to you.
- Reach out to firm colleagues for support on tricky issues, second opinions, or warm introductions.
- Stay current with Troutman Pepper Locke’s industry insights and offerings.

### Collaborate With the Firm on Client and Business Opportunities

- Explore co?counseling and referral opportunities with Troutman Pepper Locke to jointly serve client needs.
- Team up with firm colleagues or fellow alumni to co-create joint initiatives, such as client seminars, roundtables, or industry programs.

### Partner With the Firm on Career Growth and Transitions

- Stay in touch when you’re considering a career move to leverage firm resources on market insights, alumni connections, and career opportunities.

- Build visibility by participating in alumni spotlights, panels, or interviews and let us know if we can amplify any legal hiring opportunities at your organization across the alumni network.

**Leverage Firm CLEs and Programs as a Learning Resource**

- Join alumni-inclusive CLE webinars and other programs to stay current on developments in your practice area and industry.
- Volunteer to speak or co?present on CLE panels with firm lawyers or other alumni to share your experience and strengthen professional connections.

**Stay Connected and Strengthen the Alumni Experience**

- Attend alumni receptions and regional gatherings to reconnect with former colleagues and meet new alumni in your market or practice area.
- Pair events with one?on?one touchpoints like coffee or virtual catch?ups to deepen relationships beyond the reception.
- Update your LinkedIn profile and join the Troutman Pepper Locke Alumni group on LinkedIn.
- Share suggestions for topics, programs, and events you'd find useful and provide feedback on existing offerings so we can continue to offer meaningful alumni experiences.

The 2026 Olympic games reminded us that high performance is a result of both individual effort and staying present in the communities you've helped build. We are proud to cheer for our alumni community and eager to support your efforts to champion one another.

We'll be in touch!

Clare, Erin, and Kayla

**Clare Roath**
Director of Alumni Relations

**Erin Warner**
Alumni Relations Manager

**Kayla Kennedy**
Alumni Relations Manager

## Alumni Spotlight

We caught up with alumni Justin Brandt and Miki Goodin to see what they most enjoy about their current roles and

how the time they spent at the firm continues to serve them well.

**Justin Brandt**
Assistant General Counsel, Westlake Financial Services

Read Justin's Q&A.

**Miki Goodin**
Associate General Counsel, Baxter Healthcare Corporation

Read Miki's Q&A.

## A Message From the Career Coaching + Planning Team

Troutman Pepper Locke's Career Coaching + Planning Program offers confidential career coaching to firm attorneys at all levels seeking strategic support for their professional development. Our services include individual coaching, cohort coaching, and career transition support. Additionally, we provide engaging workshops, presentations, and panels aimed at enhancing the professional skills of our attorneys. Our team collaborates with administrative departments and practice groups to design and deliver customized curricula on a variety of topics including goal setting, career planning, networking, communication, feedback, and time management.

We look forward to bringing programming to our alumni community in the future to support your career growth!

## 2026 Alumni Receptions

Mark your calendars for our in-person receptions! Click here to update your contact information and keep an eye out for invitations as event dates approach!

If you are a firm or alumni attorney affiliated with another office, but in town for one of our event dates, we'd love to see you!  Email alumni@troutman.com and we'll gladly add you to that guest list.

## Quick Poll

What's your top networking goal for 2026? Take a quick poll here.

## CLE Opportunities

Be sure to check Troutman Pepper Locke's Learn + Connect Center for frequent updates on additional offerings and share with your fellow alumni and friends of the firm!

**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.

**On-Demand CLE From Troutman Pepper Locke**

Troutman Pepper Locke is pleased to share with our alumni an innovative on-demand CLE portal for complimentary access to recorded content and free registration to live webinars presented by Troutman Pepper Locke attorneys.

Visit TroutmanCLE.com and simply add programs of interest to your cart and check out as you would an online store. Communications about the program, including PINs for access and CLE certificates, will be sent to the email address you provide during checkout.

Please note that you may need to work with your IT professionals if this site is initially flagged by your cybersecurity software.

Click here for detailed instructions on how to access TroutmanCLE.com and contact our CLE management team with any questions.

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## Firm News

Troutman Pepper Locke Achieves Strong Rankings in Chambers FinTech Guide 2026 and Secures Expanded Chambers Global 2026 Rankings

Thomson Reuters Recognizes 52 Troutman Pepper Locke Attorneys as Stand-out Lawyers

Troutman Pepper Locke Ranks in Top 10 on 2025 Leopard Law Firm Index Top 200

Troutman Pepper Locke Secures Rare U.S. Supreme Court Stay in High-Stakes Congressional Redistricting Case

Troutman Pepper Locke, Dominion Energy Landmark Victories Affirm Access to Educational Benefits for 2.2 Million Veterans and Counting

Troutman Pepper Locke Wins Innovations in Knowledge Management at Legalweek Leaders in Tech Law Awards; Troutman eMerge Named Finalist in Two Categories

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**ALUMNI ON THE MOVE**

Click here to see what some of our alumni are doing now.

Be sure to share with us any recent moves, new roles, promotions, or accomplishments you or your alumni colleagues have achieved.

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## Let’s Stay Connected

Join the alumni LinkedIn page

Register to receive invitations and communications

Email the alumni team