

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
Vice Chair

Ashley Taylor
Vice Chair



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!

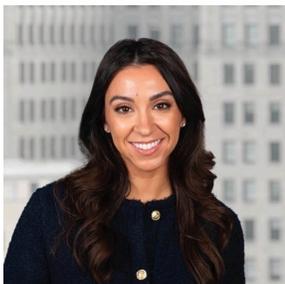
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Alumni Spotlight

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.](#)

