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Troutman Pepper Locke Alumni Newsletter – Summer 2026

Please enjoy the summer edition of Troutman Pepper Locke's Alumni Newsletter, which features interviews with alumni, dates for upcoming alumni receptions, recent alumni moves, free CLE offerings, and more!

A Message From Firm Leaders

As we move into the second half of 2026, we are excited to share several highlights from the past few months and spotlight upcoming events taking place across our offices.

We recently welcomed six new lateral partners across several of our practices: Ben Cheatham (Tax + Benefits), Julie-Anne Lutfi (Health Care + Life Sciences Transactional), Mac Marshall (Energy Transactional), Lara Nichols (Energy Regulatory), Rakhee Patel (Bankruptcy + Restructuring), and Kate Pennartz (Real Estate). Their experience and leadership further strengthen our capabilities and support the continued growth of our practices and industries.

We also recently hosted our annual firmwide Week of Service, during which more than 900 attorneys and business professionals volunteered in 84 service projects benefiting 72 organizations in the communities where we live and work. Service is a deeply ingrained firm tradition, and we look forward to continuing to build on that commitment at Troutman Pepper Locke — not only through initiatives like Week of Service but also through our pro bono work and the Pepper Center for Public Service.

Troutman Pepper Locke's 2026 summer associate program recently wrapped up after nine weeks of immersive, hands-on experience for more than 100 students representing 46 law schools nationwide. These exceptional individuals contributed meaningfully to client matters, absorbed the firm's culture, and demonstrated the talent and drive that will define the next generation of the legal profession. We are grateful for the energy and insight they brought to our teams this summer.

In the months ahead, we look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming alumni receptions and CLE programs across the firm. You can learn more about these events, along with additional firm news and updates, throughout this newsletter.

We hope to see you soon.

Tom, Amie, David, and Ashley

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Alumni Relations at Troutman Pepper Locke

Summer is the perfect time to recharge, reflect on your accomplishments, and set intentions for the months ahead. We hope the resources and tips below help you make the most of the season!

Tap Into Troutman Pepper Locke's Knowledge, Insights, Tools, and Connections

- Subscribe to practice group alerts, newsletters, and thought leadership to stay ahead of the legal and business developments that matter most to you.
- Reach out to firm colleagues for support on complex issues, second opinions, or warm introductions.
- Visit Troutman Pepper Locke's Learn + Connect Center for the latest client alerts, industry updates, and firm offerings.

Refresh Your Professional Brand

- Update your resume and LinkedIn profile to ensure your online presence reflects your current role and accomplishments.
- Share your expertise by writing a short article, blog post, or client alert on a topic in your wheelhouse.
- Follow clients, referral sources, and industry associations on LinkedIn to stay current on the conversations that matter in your space.

Stay Connected and Broaden Your Network

- Attend alumni receptions and regional gatherings to engage with former colleagues and meet alumni in your market or practice area.
- Join our dedicated LinkedIn group for alumni attorneys, where we share upcoming events, firm news, and other interesting posts. Click here to become a member.
- Search LinkedIn for alumni whose work history includes one of our legacy firms to expand your network and make meaningful new connections.

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- Remember, your network is rooting for you so share your latest roles, accomplishments, and promotions on LinkedIn and let them celebrate your wins.

Be sure to share your updated contact information with us at alumni@troutman.com, as well as your thoughts on alumni programs and events. Your feedback helps us provide meaningful alumni experiences.

Wishing you all a wonderful summer!

Clare, Erin, and Kayla

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Alumni Spotlight

We caught up with Malinda Steeb and Marshall Moorhouse to see what they most enjoy about their current roles and how the time they spent at the firm continues to serve them well.

Malinda Steeb
Senior Counsel, EDENS

Read Melissa's Q&A.

Marshall Moorhouse
Counsel, Howard Energy Partners

Read Marshall's Q&A.

2026 Alumni Celebrations

We had a wonderful time at our recent alumni receptions in Atlanta, Chicago, D.C., and Richmond and are excited to continue celebrating with our alumni this fall! Click here to enjoy event photos (enter password *alumni*) and mark your calendars for our upcoming receptions.

If you are an alum affiliated with another office and in town on any of the following dates, we'd love to see you! Email alumni@troutman.com and we'll gladly add you to the guest list.

- **Houston Reception** | Wednesday, September 9 | 5:30 p.m.
- **Dallas Reception** | Thursday, September 24 | 5:30 p.m.
- **Providence Reception** | Thursday, October 15 | 5:30 p.m.
- **San Diego Reception** | Thursday, October 15 | 5:30 p.m.
- **New York Reception** | Wednesday, October 21 | 6:00 p.m.
- **Philadelphia Reception** | Thursday, October 22 | 5:30 p.m.

Alumni Panel at the 2026 New Partner Academy

We had the privilege of welcoming alumni Jeff Greenway, Toni Miller, and Auma Reggy as panelists for the 2026 New Partner Academy. From navigating shifting client expectations to building lasting relationships, their candid reflections offered our newest partners a wealth of real-world perspective. We're so grateful to them for sharing their time and expertise in the next generation of partners!

Communities in Action at Troutman Pepper Locke

Troutman Pepper Locke's dedication to service remains a cornerstone of our culture. Our attorneys, retirees, business professionals, and alumni continually engage in meaningful service activities, and we are pleased to highlight a few initiatives that reflect the strength of that commitment across the firm.

Week of Service

As noted in our leaders' message, over 900 attorneys and business professionals came together to volunteer for the firm's annual Week of Service. Volunteers engaged in 84 service projects to support veterans, food banks, schools, animal shelters, environmental clean-up projects, and so many others.

We thank our office administrators, team captains, and volunteers for their efforts and dedication. It is inspiring to see this tradition of service and community-building continue to grow across the firm.

Pro Bono Practice

Troutman Pepper Locke's pro bono work continues to make a real and lasting difference for individuals and communities across the country. The firm's 2025 Pro Bono Report highlights tireless efforts to overturn a wrongful conviction, secure education benefits for veterans, streamline access to justice through eDiscovery and

technology, and expand community clinics through client partnerships.

We are deeply grateful to the Pro Bono team, attorneys, clients, and partner organizations whose dedication drives this work forward.

Click here to read the full 2025 Pro Bono Report and visit our Pro Bono webpage to learn more about our advocacy efforts.

The Pepper Center for Public Service

The Pepper Center for Public Service is a unique organization that draws on the talents of the firm's retired partners and senior attorneys to wrestle with tough problems facing our communities. We are pleased to share that work continues to be busy for the Pepper Center Fellows in 2026!

The **Law and Justice Mentoring Program (LJMP)** completes its fifth year this year, with the largest group of participants ever — 20 students from four public high schools! The joint program with the School District of Philadelphia and Heights Philadelphia introduces students interested in the law to a variety of issues and provides an opportunity to meet those engaged in legal related jobs. This year LJMP held six full-day sessions during the school year, which were based at Troutman Pepper Locke's Philadelphia office. Students learned about and discussed relevant legal issues, as well as met with, among others, the Philadelphia District Attorney and Deputy Police Commissioner, University of Pennsylvania's Carey School of Law students, and judges of the Philadelphia Common Pleas Court (a state trial court) and the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. Arranged by the Pepper Center, fifteen students have been placed in five-week paid summer internships with various public interest law firms, as well as the District Attorney's Office and the City's Law Department. A Pepper Center Fellow is assigned to each student as a coach/mentor. And because they are enrolled in LJMP, our students also can participate in a college advising program that covers high school and college.

In addition to its standing Task Forces on Education, Civics, and Immigration, which all remain busy, the Pepper Center has recently launched a **Task Force on Affordable Housing and Homelessness**. Fellows from multiple Troutman Pepper Locke offices are working together to identify and staff projects in their communities to address these pressing issues and will host a live and remote program on October 13 on community land trusts. All are welcome!

To learn more about the Pepper Center programs or applying to be a Fellow, please contact Amy Ginensky or visit the Pepper Center webpage.

Our attorneys and business professionals are deeply committed to various volunteer and charitable endeavors, and we appreciate their dedication to service.

Upcoming Programs and CLE Opportunities

On-Demand CLE From Troutman Pepper Locke

Troutman Pepper Locke is pleased to share with our alumni an innovative on-demand CLE portal.

You can visit www.troutmancle.com for access to free recorded content and free registration for live webinars presented by Troutman Pepper Locke attorneys.

Simply add programs of interest to your cart and checkout 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.

Contact our CLE management team with any questions and we hope you enjoy using this tool!

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

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 — we'd love to include details in our next newsletter!

Firm News

Troutman Pepper Locke Earns 368 Chambers USA 2026 Rankings, Underscoring Strength and Depth of Expanded Platform

Troutman Pepper Locke Earns 35 Nationwide Practice Rankings and 175+ Attorney Recognitions in Legal 500 US 2026

Troutman Pepper Locke Recognized by Corporate Counsel as Top Firm in BTI Client Service A-Team 2026 Report

American Bar Association Recognizes Troutman Pepper Locke for Pro Bono Contributions

Let's Stay Connected

Join the Alumni LinkedIn Page

Register to Receive Invitations + Communications

Email the Alumni Team