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Troutman Pepper Takes Home Five Pennsylvania Legal Awards

Firm Named Law Firm Innovator, Partner Zachary Torres-Fowler Wins Young Attorney of the Year

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PHILADELPHIA – Troutman Pepper received five awards during the *Legal Intelligencer's* [Pennsylvania Legal Awards](#) ceremony on May 15, 2024: Law Firm Innovators; Distinguished Leader – [Joan Arnold](#); Young Attorney of the Year + Lawyers on the Fast Track (Large Firm) – [Zachary Torres-Fowler](#); and Unsung Heroes – [Andrew Medeiros](#).

During the event, the firm earned the coveted Law Firm Innovator award for being among the first to launch a generative AI assistant, and Partner R. Zachary Torres-Fowler was named Young Attorney of the Year for his incredible leadership within the firm and broader industry.

Troutman Pepper's 2024 Pennsylvania Legal Awards:

Law Firm Innovators – Troutman Pepper

Troutman Pepper received the 2024 Law Firm Innovators award, which recognizes law firms, lawyers, and legal professionals who push the envelope to build their businesses. The firm was recognized for being among the first law firms to launch and fully adopt a bespoke generative AI tool, Athena. More than 675 employees across all firm offices use the AI assistant, and it receives an average of 400 prompts per day.

Distinguished Leader – Joan Arnold

Joan Arnold, partner and chair of the firm's Tax + Benefits practice, was awarded the Distinguished Leader award, which recognizes lawyers and legal professionals who achieved impressive results in the past year and demonstrated clear leadership skills that helped them achieve those results. Arnold is a leader both at Troutman Pepper and within the global international tax community who has been a driving force for the advancement of tax administration, the development of international tax, and the promotion of diversity in the tax bar.

Young Attorney of the Year + Lawyers on the Fast Track (Large Firm) – [Zachary Torres-Fowler](#)

Zach Torres-Fowler is a partner in Troutman Pepper's Construction practice, a leader in its International Dispute Resolution practice, and co-leader of the firm's International Construction Projects practice. He was recognized as a next-generation lawyer, earning both the Young Attorney of the Year and Lawyer on the Fast Track awards for

his exceptional legal skills and leadership, most notably for his efforts to develop and expand the firm's presence in the field of international arbitration.

Unsung Heroes – [Andrew Medeiros](#)

Troutman Pepper's Director of Innovation Andrew Medeiros received the Unsung Heroes award for his work on the firm's generative AI assistant, Athena. Medeiros was part of a multi-office team of attorneys and technologists working behind-the-scenes to ensure the tool's seamless adoption across the firm. Medeiros is specifically recognized for his leadership in identifying compelling technology vendors to pilot multiple use cases of the tool.

Notably, the firm also was among six finalists for the Law Firm of the Year award, and Troutman Pepper Partner [Deborah Spranger](#) was among six finalists for the Most-Effective Dealmakers award. The awards honors attorneys and firms that have left an indelible mark on the legal community in Pennsylvania, Delaware, and beyond through their unwavering dedication to the profession.

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