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# Troutman Pepper Wins 3 Pennsylvania Legal Awards, Shortlisted for 3 More

## Firm is Finalist for The Legal Intelligencer's 'Law Firm of Year' Distinction

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**PHILADELPHIA** – *The Legal Intelligencer* has recognized Troutman Pepper's [Joan Arnold](#), [Andrew Medeiros](#), and [Zachary Torres-Fowler](#) with three [Pennsylvania Legal Awards](#), and the firm and Partner [Deborah Spranger](#) are finalists in three additional categories. All winners will be announced at a May 15 [awards dinner](#).

The annual awards program 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.

### **Winners:**

#### **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.

#### **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 and received the Lawyer on the Fast Track award 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.

## **Finalists:**

### **Law Firm of the Year – Troutman Pepper**

The firm also is being considered for the coveted Law Firm of the Year award, which recognizes the Pennsylvania/Delaware firm that has demonstrated a broad spectrum of achievements in the past year and talent depth.

### **Law Firm Innovators – Troutman Pepper**

Troutman Pepper is a finalist for the Law Firm Innovators award, which recognizes law firms, lawyers, and legal professionals who push the envelope to build their businesses. The firm is shortlisted 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.

### **Most-Effective Dealmakers – [Deborah Spranger](#)**

Troutman Pepper Partner Deborah Spranger has decades of experience leading deal teams for public, private, and international companies in the life sciences, manufacturing, health care, and technology industries. Spranger is shortlisted for a Most-Effective Dealmaker award, which recognizes attorneys not only for the quantity and dollar value of deals handled but also for their ability to earn repeat business by achieving their clients' goals so that both sides sign on the dotted lines.

### **About Troutman Pepper**

Troutman Pepper is a national law firm with more than 1,100 attorneys strategically located in 20+ U.S. cities. The firm's litigation, transactional, and regulatory practices advise a diverse client base, from startups to multinational enterprises. The firm provides sophisticated legal solutions to clients' most pressing business challenges, with depth across industry sectors, including energy, financial services, health sciences, insurance, and private equity, among others. Learn more at [troutman.com](https://troutman.com).

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