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# USPTO Recognizes Troutman Pepper with 2023 Patent Pro Bono Achievement Certificate

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Schneider is recognized for providing 50 or more pro bono hours in 2023 to the [Georgia PATENTS program](#), which assists solo inventors, nonprofits, and small businesses with finding patent agents and attorneys to help file patents on a pro bono basis. Troutman Pepper is a founding supporter of the program, which has grown to assist inventors in South Carolina and North Carolina.

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