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## **Top-Ranked IP Firm Cantor Colburn Adds Six Patent Professionals**

Six new patent professionals have joined Cantor Colburn LLP thus far in 2013, which demonstrates the firm's continual growth. The new hires consist of four associates and two patent agents. The new attorneys and agents are spread across Hartford, Washington, D.C., Atlanta, and Detroit- four of the firm's five offices.

"We are meeting client demand with talented new hires," said Michael A. Cantor, co-managing partner. "We are honored when our clients ask us to take on more of their work."

According to the most recent ranking in *Intellectual Property Today*, Cantor Colburn is currently ranked #7 in the country for issued U.S. patents and #24 for registered U.S. trademarks for the previous year, which documents the firm's productivity.

Below are the new attorneys and agents listed by their offices, with brief biographies following.

- **Hartford**  
The Hartford office adds litigation associate Nicholas A. Geiger and patent agents Michael Lines and Michael E. Gelbin, Ph.D.
- **Washington, D.C.**  
The Washington, D.C. office adds associate Timothy J. Murphy.
- **Atlanta**  
The Atlanta office adds associate Alicia Brewster.
- **Detroit**  
The Detroit office adds associate Lukas Baldrige.

### **About the Attorneys**



**Nicholas A. Geiger** has significant experience litigating patent and trademark infringement matters, as well as false advertising, false marking, trade secret and unfair trade practice matters. He has been involved in all aspects of litigation, including pre-suit investigations, initial pleadings, temporary restraining orders and preliminary injunctions, fact and expert discovery, summary judgment, jury and bench trials, and the negotiation and enforcement of settlement agreements. He has represented clients in a diverse array of industries, including medical devices, pharmaceuticals, petrochemicals, fashion manufacturing and retail, flexible packaging, and database software. In particular, Nicholas has extensive experience managing complex matters and the devising and implementing of strategies to control the scope and cost of voluminous electronic discovery.



**Lukas Baldrige's** practice focuses on the preparation and prosecution of domestic and foreign patents for mechanical and electro-mechanical technologies. He is also experienced with preparing varied written opinions and with trademark prosecution. In addition to previous law firm experience, Lukas worked as a patent examiner at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and has extensive experience in automotive, refrigeration, heat exchange, control system, and cryogenic technologies.

His expertise also includes aircraft, power plant, power generation, wind power, and fuel cell technologies.



**Alicia Brewster's** practice concentrates on patent application drafting and prosecution. Holding both a bachelor's and a master's degree in computer science, she focuses on patent applications related to computer software, computer hardware, and business methods; her prosecution experience also includes telecommunications, electrical engineering, medical devices, and mechanical devices. Alicia prepares international patent applications and coordinates with foreign counsel to prosecute foreign patent applications. Additionally, Alicia has experience

preparing patentability, freedom-to-operate, and validity opinions in various technological fields.



**Timothy J. Murphy** has represented clients in a variety of intellectual property matters including patent prosecution and litigation as well as trademark prosecution and enforcement. He concentrates his practice on patent prosecution in various aspects of chemical technologies and mechanical devices. T.J. has substantial experience in a number of industries and technologies, including polymeric materials, sports equipment, medical devices, vehicle air bag and restraint devices,

propellants, automotive applications, and a variety of other technologies. He has successfully defended patents in reexamination proceedings and drafted reexamination requests. While his practice is primarily focused on patent prosecution, T.J. has substantial litigation experience, including jury trials in the Eastern District of Texas and New Jersey.



**Michael E. Gelbin, Ph.D.** is a registered patent agent with more than 18 years' experience in the chemical industry. Mike concentrates his practice on chemistry, nanomaterials, polymer and materials science, clean technologies and bio-based materials. In addition to preparation and prosecution of domestic and PCT patent applications, he advises foreign counsel. His practice areas further include due diligence, invalidity, patentability and right-to-practice searches as well as patent landscaping

and risk analysis in the chemical arts. He is a named inventor on more than 25 issued U.S. and international patents. He has co-authored several scientific papers in peer-reviewed journals.



**Michael Lines** is a recently registered patent agent with extensive experience in fuel cell and fuel processing systems from design and development to manufacturing. He has worked on PEM, phosphoric acid and solid oxide fuel cell systems of varying size for more than ten years, modeling, designing, and testing these systems at UTC Power. In addition to his work in fuel cells, Michael has modeled and operated waste heat scavenging refrigerant systems and modeled biofuel production reactors

for his master's thesis. Most recently he worked as a patent engineer maintaining UTC Power's patent portfolio and managing its patent review processes. As patent engineer he developed a patent portfolio mapping methodology to categorize UTC Power's patents and provide unparalleled insight into its portfolio. He is also an inventor with one issued patent and several pending applications.

### **About Cantor Colburn LLP**

Cantor Colburn is one of the largest full service intellectual property law firms in the country, with growing offices in Hartford, Washington, D.C., Atlanta, Houston, and Detroit. In recent rankings, Cantor Colburn is #7 in the country for issued U.S. Patents and #24 for registered U.S. Trademarks. As well, the firm has extensive practice in other intellectual property areas, such as validity and infringement opinions, reexaminations, interferences, licensing, due diligence regarding acquisitions and divestitures, and technology transfer agreements. Cantor Colburn's litigation team has extensive and diverse experience in intellectual property, commercial and business litigation cases, and has represented plaintiffs, defendants, intellectual property owners, as well as accused infringers, in litigation. The firm's clients are among the leading companies in the country and around the world, including Fortune 100 companies, privately-held companies, select high tech start-ups, and universities. For more information, go to [www.cantorcolburn.com](http://www.cantorcolburn.com).

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