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Cantor Colburn LLP Announces 2014 Partner and Counsel Elevations

Hartford, Conn. — [Cantor Colburn LLP](#), one of the nation's leading intellectual property law firms, welcomes the new year with the election of four partners and two counsels.

Dave S. Christensen, Daniel R. Gibson, M. Brad Lawrence, and Leslie- Anne Maxwell, Ph.D. have been elevated to partner, and Thomas J. Mango and Jeffrey L. Waters have been elevated to counsel.

"Cantor Colburn is proud to recognize such an exemplary group of attorneys this year," said [Philmore H. Colburn II](#), Co-Managing Partner. "Each of these individuals embodies the value of hard work and commitment to client success, which has allowed them to excel and made them a crucial part of the Cantor Colburn team."

Partners:

[Dave S. Christensen](#) has more than 15 years of experience in assisting clients in protecting their inventions in both U.S. and foreign patent offices in a variety of technical fields, including automotive, electrical power distribution and transmission, renewable energy, and optical measurement systems. He also has significant experience assisting clients in developing cost effective strategies for building and managing their intellectual property portfolios. Dave further counsels startup to medium sized clients in preparing their portfolios for investment financing and associated due diligence activities.

[Daniel R. Gibson](#) focuses his practice on counseling clients in coordination and management of domestic and international utility and design portfolios, integrated with extensive work pertaining to non-infringement, invalidity, licensing, and other strategic considerations. Dan is experienced in both domestic and foreign preparation and prosecution of patent applications in a variety of mechanical, electrical, and design fields. He is co-chair of the Design Patent Practice Group at Cantor Colburn.

[M. Brad Lawrence](#) focuses his practice on intellectual property (IP) counseling including the protection of clients' inventions through carefully planned patent procurement, integrated with other strategic considerations, including development of licensing strategies and analysis of the IP and product positions of others. Brad also devotes a significant amount of time to performing product clearances in the form of non-infringement and/or invalidity opinions. He also has significant prior litigation experience that includes many aspects of patent, trademark, and trade secret litigation as well as licensing and other extrajudicial resolution of IP disputes.



[Leslie-Anne Maxwell, Ph.D.](#), provides all aspects of patent representation to clients working in chemical and life science research with a particular emphasis on the pharmaceutical and agricultural chemical industries. Anne has more than 10 years' experience drafting patents and prosecuting U.S. and non-U.S. patents in the areas of small molecule pharmaceuticals, drug delivery and formulations, biological therapeutics, chemical processes, medical diagnostics, biomaterials, and agricultural chemicals. Anne performs searches, determines patentability and freedom to operate, drafts and prosecutes patent applications, counsels clients in their development of effective patent protection worldwide, and assists clients with licensing and due diligence. Anne also prepares invalidity and non-infringement opinions and supports Cantor Colburn's litigation group in Abbreviated New Drug Application litigation.

Counsel:

[Thomas J. Mango](#) is a trial lawyer with over 15 years of litigation experience including patent and trademark infringement, unfair competition, and complex commercial disputes for both domestic and international clients across a wide variety of industries. Tom's practice focuses on all aspects of inter partes practice at the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board for opposition and cancellation proceedings. He also litigates trademark infringement, trade dress, and unfair competition cases in federal courts throughout the United States. Tom counsels and advises clients regarding appropriate trademark enforcement action and strategies, and handles all phases of trademark disputes from the initial analysis of trademark rights and possible claims, to cease and desist letters, to litigation, to negotiations of settlement or co-existence agreements.

[Jeffrey L. Waters](#) concentrates his practice on drafting and prosecuting patents for mechanical and electrical innovations. In particular, he has experience with patent issues relating to GPS, Internet and e-commerce, semiconductor devices and processing methods, and telecommunications. While Jeff's practice focuses on patent drafting and prosecution, he also has experience with patent litigation, having defended multiple patent infringement lawsuits. Jeff also has experience in conducting due diligence investigations and drafting opinions.

About Cantor Colburn LLP

[Cantor Colburn LLP](#) 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 [7th in the country for issued U.S. Patents](#) and [24th 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.