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Top-Ranked IP Firm Cantor Colburn Hires Seven Attorneys

Hartford, Conn. -- Cantor Colburn LLP announced that it has hired seven attorneys to work in its Hartford, Atlanta, and Detroit offices.

The attorneys are:

- [Adam Bercowetz](#), Attorney, Litigation Department, Hartford
- [Jared Howenstine](#), Associate, Physicist and Attorney, Hartford
- [Benjamin Marcus](#), Associate, Biomedical Engineer and Attorney, Hartford
- [David Nafziger](#), Associate, Electrical Engineer and Attorney, Detroit
- [Nicholas Stadnyk](#), Associate, Chemical Engineer and Attorney, Hartford
- [Tara Stuart](#), Associate, Chemist and Attorney, Atlanta
- [Ross Yaylajan](#), Associate, Chemical Engineer and Attorney, Hartford

“We have added a talented group of very bright young attorneys, who will add technical depth, increased capacity, and IP experience to our team as well as have the opportunity to learn from the top-ranked IP attorneys who are already at the firm,” said Co-Managing Partner Phil Colburn.



[Adam I. Bercowetz](#) graduated in May from New England School of Law receiving a J.D. Bercowetz earned his dual B.A. degree in legal studies and political science graduating *summa cum laude* from University of Massachusetts Amherst in 2011. At Cantor Colburn, Bercowetz performs legal research focusing on patents, trademarks, copyrights, and drafts motions and memoranda. He assists in litigation matters including drafting dispositive motions, drafting discovery requests, responses, and letters and in preparing for and assisting with patent infringement trials.

His admission to the state bar of Connecticut is pending.



[Jared Howenstine](#) has been practicing intellectual property law for five years, and the focus of his practice is on patent prosecution, counseling, licensing, and patent infringement litigation. He has represented a broad range of companies covering mechanical, medical, and electrical devices. Howenstine’s patent prosecution and counseling practice has involved mechanical medical devices, tools, automotive components, oilfield exploration and production equipment, and consumer electronic devices. He has a B.S. degree in physics and in astrophysics from the

University of Massachusetts, Amherst, both *magna cum laude*, and a J.D. from the South Texas College of Law, *cum laude*. He is admitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and to the state bar of Texas.



[Benjamin Marcus](#) graduated in May from Western New England School of Law receiving a J.D. Marcus earned his bachelor of science at the University of Connecticut in biomedical engineering with a concentration in biomechanics and biosolids. Marcus concentrates his practice on protecting clients' inventions. He is competent in a wide variety of areas, including mechanical engineering, aerospace, environmental engineering, and medical devices. Marcus is also well versed in automotive technology, display devices, fuel cell batteries, and nanotechnologies. He will be preparing and assisting patent applications for clients in the European and Korean markets. He is admitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office as an agent. His admission to the state bar of Connecticut is pending.



[David Nafziger](#) focuses his practice on the preparation and prosecution of patents relating to complex electrical technologies. Nafziger has also assisted in the preparation of patentability opinions and non-infringement opinions for large corporate clients. Before becoming an attorney, he worked in the laser product development group of Raytheon, gaining technical experience in technologies including laser electronics/optics, analog power electronics and programmable software devices. Nafziger has a B.S. degree in electrical engineering from Purdue University and a J.D. from Case Western Reserve University School of Law. He is admitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and to the state bar of Ohio.



[Nicholas Stadnyk](#) graduated in May from the University of Connecticut School of Law receiving a J.D. with a concentration in intellectual property. Stadnyk earned his B.S. degree with distinction from the University of Rochester with a chemical engineering major and a Japanese minor in 2008. Stadnyk is a member of the Chemical, Material, and Life Sciences department. During law school Stadnyk gained in-house legal experience serving as a legal intern for General Electric's Global Patent Operation. Previously, Stadnyk worked as a consultant for Accenture in its systems integrations and high-tech practice group and at the University of Rochester in the Optical Manufacturing Group at the Laboratory for Laser Energetics. He is admitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office as an agent. His admission to the state bar of Connecticut is pending.



[Tara Stuart's](#) practice includes litigation, invalidity opinions and analysis, non-infringement opinions and analysis, and post grant proceedings including reexamination proceedings and *inter partes* review. Stuart also has experience in the preparation and prosecution of domestic and international patent applications, due diligence, and clearance analysis. She has several years' experience working with generic pharmaceuticals, including litigation and opinions in support of Abbreviated New Drug Applications (ANDA). Stuart has experience with a broad range of technologies in addition to generic pharmaceuticals, including electronics, computer software



and hardware, e-commerce, consumer products, telecommunications, beverages, nutraceuticals, paper, mineral, and polymer technologies. Prior to practicing law, she worked as a research assistant in an academic laboratory focused on leukemia research. Stuart has a B.S. degree from De Paul and master's from Indiana University, both in chemistry, and a J.D. from The John Marshall School of Law. She is admitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and to the state bar of Georgia.



[Ross Yaylaian](#) graduated in May with distinction from Suffolk University Law School, receiving a J.D. with a patent law concentration. Yaylaian earned a B.S. degree in chemical engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute in 2011. Yaylaian focuses his practice on the preparation and prosecution of patent applications related to chemical engineering technologies, serving both foreign and domestic clients. Yaylaian has had past in-house patent agent experience where he handled patents concerning photoluminescence, dynamic color change, nanomedicine for the treatment of MDR cancer, and biomedical computer software. He is admitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office as an agent.

About Cantor Colburn

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. Cantor Colburn is nationally-ranked in litigation, patents, and trademarks. In 2014, the firm and its attorneys have received numerous accolades, including ranking 10th among law firms in the U.S. for patents issued in the previous year (*Intellectual Property Today*) and winning Litigation Department of the Year in Intellectual Property (*The Connecticut Law Tribune*). Cantor Colburn'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.

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