



## Cantor Colburn's Patrick Griffin Appears Before the Supreme Court of the United States



Patrick Griffin, an associate with Cantor Colburn LLP, in front of the United States Supreme Court building on January 12, 2015, the day that he appeared before the Supreme Court.

Washington, D.C.—[Cantor Colburn LLP](#) associate [Patrick Griffin](#) appeared before the Supreme Court of the United States on Monday, January 12, 2015 on behalf of a group of nine lawyers affiliated with Western Michigan University Thomas M. Cooley Law School. In Griffin's capacity as President of the Cooley Alumni Association, he moved to admit the group to the Supreme Court Bar. The motion was successful, and the attorneys were sworn in.

Griffin has been admitted to practice before the Supreme Court since 2013. To qualify for admission to Supreme Court Bar, the attorney must have been admitted to practice in the highest court of a State, Commonwealth, Territory or Possession, or the District of Columbia for a period of at least three years, not the subject of any adverse disciplinary action, and must appear to the

Court to be of good moral and professional character. In addition, the attorney must be certified by the State Bar Association as having good moral character. If these requirements are met, the applicant then has to have two attorneys, already admitted into the Supreme Court, sponsor the applicant and attest to the applicant's character.

The Supreme Court is the highest judicial body in the United States, and leads the federal judiciary. It consists of the Chief Justice of the United States and eight Associate Justices, who are nominated by the President and confirmed with the "advice and consent" (majority vote) of the Senate. Once appointed, Justices effectively have life tenure, serving "during good behavior," which terminates only upon death, resignation, retirement, or conviction on impeachment. The Court meets in Washington, D.C. in the United States Supreme Court building. The Supreme Court is primarily an appellate court, but it has original jurisdiction over a small range of cases.

Based in Cantor Colburn's Washington, D.C. office in Alexandria, Virginia, Griffin has practiced in all aspects of intellectual property and now focuses primarily on patent application writing and prosecution for electrical and computer patents in computer



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architecture, electronic commerce, database and distributed computing, telecommunications, digital displays and optics, complex financial models, and related software. In addition to his patent procurement expertise, Patrick specializes in freedom to operate opinions and strategic invention development consulting for key high technology areas. He is also admitted to practice in Pennsylvania, the District of Columbia, and before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Patrick cultivated his practical understanding of communicating engineering objectives in common language while studying Computer Engineering at Drexel University and working as network engineer for a leading petroleum and petrochemical manufacturer, where he designed enterprise and process control network infrastructures.

Griffin graduated from Cooley Law School in 2009. During law school, he spent a semester in Japan studying international cyber law. He received an Honors Scholarship and was on the Dean's List.

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