

Cantor Colburn Elects New Partners, Promotes Attorneys for 2015

Hartford, Conn. – Cantor Colburn LLP is pleased to announce the election of four new partners, the promotion of five associates to counsel and of one paralegal to associate. The new partners are Victor Kernus, Jaehoon Kim, Howard Levy, and Jeffrey Waters. The new counsel are Eric Baron, Michelle Ciotola, Krista Kostiew, Karen LeCuyer, and Jamie Platkin. Chris Whalley was promoted from Intellectual Property Paralegal to Associate. The promotions are effective January 1, 2015.

Attorneys Kernus, Kim, and Levy work in the firm's Washington, D.C. office. Mr. Waters works in the firm's Atlanta office. Attorneys Baron, Ciotola, Kostiew, LeCuyer, Platkin, and Whalley work in the firm's Hartford office.

"We're recognizing really talented attorneys in several offices, and in different departments," said Philmore H. Colburn II, co-managing partner of Cantor Colburn. "Their abilities are fueling the growth of the firm and clients value their service."

Partners:



[Victor Kernus](#) concentrates his practice on mechanical, electrical, and medical technologies for a wide range of clients. He is experienced in both patent drafting and patent prosecution and patent appeals. He is experienced in both domestic and foreign prosecution of patent application relating to a wide range of technological fields including aerospace, automotive technologies, power distribution, power generation and power conversion, rotary electric machines, electro-mechanical devices and circuits, micro-electrical mechanical systems (MEMS), packaging technologies as well as natural resource exploration and recovery and natural resource post recovery

processing technologies. Mr. Kernus has written more than 1,000 patent applications and is an inventor on one U.S. patent. He is also an active volunteer with Casting for Recovery, an organization that supports those currently undergoing treatment for breast cancer and breast cancer survivors, and is a volunteer instructor and Fly Fishing guide with Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, an organization that supports disabled veterans.

Mr. Kernus is admitted to practice law in Virginia, and is admitted to practice before the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia as well as other Federal courts, and the Supreme Court of the United States, and he is registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. His B.S. in mechanical engineering is from Temple University and his J.D. is from the George Mason University School of Law.



[Jaehoon Kim](#) concentrates his practice on the preparation and prosecution of patent applications in the technological fields of display devices, medical devices, fuel cell batteries, semiconductor devices, nanotechnologies, and optical devices for foreign clients, including major Korean companies. He has considerable experience in preparing and prosecuting utility and design patent applications in the electrical and mechanical arts. Mr. Kim also has extensive experience conducting personal interviews with examiners at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office concerning patent applications.

Mr. Kim is admitted to practice law in New York, and he is registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. His B.S. in physics is from Seoul National University in Seoul, Korea and his J.D. is from George Washington University Law School.



[Howard Levy](#) concentrates his practice on patent prosecution, appeals, and patent strategy counseling for clients in all mechanical, electrical, and computer science fields. He is experienced in both domestic and foreign prosecution of patent applications relating to power generation technologies, materials science, controls, automotive and aerodynamic fields, rotary electric machines, electro-mechanical devices and circuits, micro-electrical mechanical systems (MEMS), packaging technologies, signal generation, transmission, reception and

processing, semi-conductor manufacturing, computer storage and handling systems, e-commerce and business methods, error correction coding, cryptology, digital media, missile and weapons systems, radomes, spacecraft, aircraft and helicopter design, mining technologies, fasteners and apparel. He has drafted and prosecuted thousands of patents in the US, Europe and Asia. Mr. Levy has an expertise in accelerated patent examination and developed a practice based on maximizing client value using accelerated examination for new applications, continuation applications and applications based on foreign origination applications.

Mr. Levy is admitted to practice law in Pennsylvania, and is registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. His B.S. in mechanical engineering is from Duke University and his J.D. is from Temple University School of Law.



[Jeffrey 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 Mr. Waters's practice focuses on patent drafting and prosecution, he also has experience with patent litigation, having defended multiple patent infringement lawsuits. As well, Mr. Waters conducts due diligence investigations and drafting opinions.



Mr. Waters is admitted to practice law in Georgia, and he is registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. His B.S. in electrical engineering and industrial and systems engineering is from Georgia Institute of Technology and his J.D. is from the University of New Hampshire School of Law (formerly known as the Franklin Pierce Law Center).

Counsel:



[Eric Baron](#) represents clients on all aspects of patent application preparation, prosecution, and patent portfolio development. Mr. Baron's patent practice focuses on electrical and mechanical arts, particularly computer hardware and software, semiconductors, telecommunications, internet and e-commerce, business methods, electrical circuits, aerospace, industrial, and automotive technologies. Mr. Baron has several years of in-house experience overseeing internal invention disclosure processing and outside counsel in domestic and foreign patent matters for a broad array of aerospace

and industrial technologies. Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Baron was an engineer at United Technologies Corporation.

Mr. Baron is admitted to practice law in Connecticut, and he is registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. His B.S. in computer engineering is from Kettering University, his M.E. in computer and systems engineering is from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and his J.D. is from University of Connecticut School of Law.



[Michelle Ciotola](#) concentrates her practice on counseling, protecting and enforcing trademark, trade dress, copyright, and related intellectual property rights, as well as counseling clients in unfair competition, Internet, advertising, and promotions law. She assists clients in the development and exploitation of their trademark portfolios, and develops strategies for the enforcement of her clients' intellectual property rights. She also develops strategies for enforcement of her clients' intellectual property rights online, including handling Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy

proceedings. Ms. Ciotola files and prosecutes applications for copyright registration with the U.S. Copyright Office and advises clients on copyright law. She drafts and negotiates a wide range of intellectual property agreements, including assignments, licenses, and trademark consent and coexistence agreements.

Ms. Ciotola is admitted to practice law in Connecticut and New York. She has a B.A. from the University of Connecticut and a J.D. from the University of New Hampshire School of Law (formerly known as the Franklin Pierce Law Center).



[Krista Kostiew](#) concentrates her practice on various chemical and polymer related technologies including films, sheets (e.g., multilayer and multiwall), automotive applications (e.g., glazing, bumper beams, etc.), photovoltaic cells and modules, polymer compositions and materials science, and various optical applications. She has also been involved with preparing and prosecuting applications as well as searching and preparing clearance opinions for various mechanical technologies including connectors for use in electrical boxes. Ms. Kostiew has also conducted patentability, freedom to operate, validity, and infringement searches; prepared the corresponding patentability, freedom to operate, invalidity, and non-infringement opinions, and has represented clients in all aspects of domestic and foreign patent prosecution.

Ms. Kostiew is admitted to practice law in Connecticut, and she is registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Her B.S. in plastics engineering is from University of Massachusetts-Lowell and her J.D. is from the University of New Hampshire School of Law (formerly known as the Franklin Pierce Law Center).



[Karen LeCuyer](#) provides patent representation to clients working in the disciplines of chemistry, pharmaceuticals, life science, biotechnology, materials science, and other areas. She has more than 10 years of experience in patent application, preparation, and prosecution, in the U.S. and overseas. Dr. LeCuyer has also prepared patentability, invalidity, infringement/non-infringement, and freedom-to-operate opinions, particularly in the area of Abbreviated New Drug Application certifications. Additionally, Dr. LeCuyer has extensive experience in patent searching as well as assisting clients to develop a proactive patent strategy for their products. Prior to practicing patent law, Dr. LeCuyer was an assistant professor of biochemistry at the University of Connecticut Health Center.

Dr. LeCuyer is admitted to practice law in Connecticut, and she is registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Her B.S. in chemistry and biology is from Providence College, her Ph.D. is in biophysical chemistry is from Yale University, and her J.D. is from the University of Connecticut School of Law.



[Jamie Platkin](#) provides counsel on obtaining domestic and foreign trademark protection, including prosecuting trademark applications before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, working with trademark counsel worldwide to register trademarks, and analyzing the availability of marks for use and registration. Ms. Platkin develops strategies to protect and enforce intellectual property assets, and litigates trademark disputes before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board, in federal court, and around the world with the assistance foreign counsel. Ms. Platkin routinely advises companies



on the enforcement of their trademarks on the Internet, including initiating Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution proceedings, offering up-to-date counsel on social media issues, and providing strategic guidance on the new generic top-level (gTLD) domain name program. With respect to corporate matters, Ms. Platkin's practice includes trademark due diligence in corporate transactions and the preparation of a wide range of intellectual property agreements.

Ms. Platkin is admitted to practice law in Connecticut and Massachusetts. She has a B.A. from Tufts University and a J.D. from the University of New Hampshire School of Law (formerly known as the Franklin Pierce Law Center).

Associate:



[Chris Whalley](#) focuses his practice on United States and overseas trademark prosecution and enforcement, as well as taking a lead role in portfolio management for some of the firm's largest trademark clients.

Mr. Whalley is admitted to practice law in Connecticut and Massachusetts. His B.A. is from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and the University of Kent in the United Kingdom, and his J.D. is from the Western New England University School of Law.

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 being ranked 10th out of the U.S. patent law firms and being awarded Litigation Department of the Year – Intellectual Property. Cantor Colburn's clients are among the leading companies 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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