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Cantor Colburn Attorney Patrick S. Griffin Joins Lilypad's Board of Directors



<u>Cantor Colburn LLP</u> associate <u>Patrick S. Griffin</u> has joined the board of directors of <u>Lilypad</u>, a nonprofit organization that provides a playspace in South Philadelphia to bring families together with playgroups, community events, and classes. His two year term appointment was made during Lilypad's December meeting and starts January 2018.

"Board President Maria Hughes is a fantastic community leader who, with Debbie Lewis-Lutz, has laid the foundation for a South Philadelphia Institution," said Mr. Griffin. "It is my hope that my contributions will further the mission of Lilypad and accelerate its growth. I am very excited to support Lilypad and work with Maria and Debbie in developing this family-friendly venue."

Lilypad is a volunteer-powered registered non-profit organization located 1234 S. Broad Street that offers very affordable family memberships to its playspace and programs. Lilypad programs include Baby Playgroups, Single Parent Playgroups, Resources for Infant Educarers® inspired Playgroups, Dads Night Out (at Lilypad), and more. Lilypad supports its operation through the CityKids Consignment Sale, which occurs twice a year at Neumann Goretti High School in South Philadelphia. The CityKids Consignment Sale offers new and gently used baby- and kid-related items up to age 12. The next CityKids Consignment Sale will be April 14-15, 2018.

Mr. 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 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, he specializes in freedom to operate opinions and strategic invention development consulting for key high technology areas. Mr. Griffin 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. After studying engineering, he broadened the application of his technology expertise while at Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing, Michigan, and by studying east/west



transactions, international IP, and international cyberlaw in Japan. Mr. Griffin is an active member of the business and legal community. He is a past president and current member of the Cooley Law School Alumni Association Executive Committee and a current member of the Drexel University Athletics Board of Delegates, serving as the delegate for the Drexel Rugby Team. He is a member of the Union League of Philadelphia, where he is an active affiliate of the Business Leadership Forum, and a member of the Irish American Business Chamber and Network. Mr. Griffin also volunteers as American Mock Trial Association Tournament Judge for various northeast tournaments each year.

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