

Cantor Colburn Announces New Partner and Promotions for 2019

December 19, 2018 - [Cantor Colburn LLP](#), the fourth largest patent law firm in the U.S., welcomes the new year with the elevation of James Wimpe to its partnership. Also effective January 1, 2019, Associates Tina Dorr, Ph.D., Patrick Griffin, Alicia Hayter, Jared B. Howenstine, David Kincaid, Matteo Pedini, and Wanli Wu will be promoted to Counsel. Jessica Zimmerlin Eastman, Ph.D., will be promoted to Senior Patent Agent.

"These professionals are talented and dedicated, and we are recognizing them for providing outstanding counsel and service to their clients," said [Philmore H. Colburn II](#), Co-Managing Partner of Cantor Colburn. "The partnership is confident that they will make even greater contributions to the firm's success in their new roles."

"As one of the largest and most productive full-service IP law firms in the country, we place great value on attracting and retaining top legal talent to serve our clients," said [Michael A. Cantor](#), Co-Managing Partner. "These professionals make an outstanding contribution to the firm and will for years to come."



[James Wimpe's](#) practice is concentrated on patent application preparation and prosecution, as well as invalidity and infringement/noninfringement opinions for a wide range of clients, from Fortune 500 companies to academic institutions to solo inventors. Mr. Wimpe's work covers a wide array of mechanical and electrical technology areas, including aerospace components and systems, power generation, heating and cooling systems, automotive systems and components, elevators, packaging systems, composites manufacturing, and other mechanical engineering areas. Prior to joining Cantor Colburn in 2006, Mr. Wimpe acquired 15 years' engineering experience in aerospace and automotive design and in manufacturing at Tier 1 and Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) companies. He has a B.S. in Aeronautical/Astronautical Engineering from the University of Illinois, and a JD from the Western New England University School of Law.



[Tina Dorr, Ph.D.](#) represents clients working in chemical, life science, semiconductor, and material research. Dr. Dorr drafts and prosecutes U.S. patent applications, as well as manages and directs prosecution of foreign patent portfolios. She performs searches, provides invalidity, infringement/non-infringement, patentability, and freedom to operate opinions, and counsels clients to develop effective patent protection worldwide. Dr. Dorr also provides technical support and opinions to Cantor Colburn's Litigation Department in Abbreviated New Drug Application litigation. Prior to joining Cantor Colburn, she completed her doctoral thesis on enzyme catalysis, membrane protein structure, and redox chemistry. During her tenure at Georgia Institute of Technology, she mentored graduate and undergraduate researchers in biochemical and biophysical method development, with applications in the study of enzyme function. Dr. Dorr also worked as Teaching Assistant, where she led and lectured in courses in Chemistry and Biochemistry. She

has a B.S., Biology, *summa cum laude* from the University of Georgia, a Ph.D. in Chemistry and Biochemistry from The Georgia Institute of Technology and a JD from the Georgia State University College of Law, *cum laude*.



[Patrick 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 during law school, and by studying east/west transactions, international IP, and international cyberlaw in Japan. In addition, Mr. Griffin's strong link to the legal community manifests in his volunteer work as an American Mock Trial Association tournament judge, as well as his service as President for the Cooley Law School Alumni Association Executive Committee. He has a B.S. in Computer Engineering from Drexel University and a JD from Thomas M. Cooley Law School.



[Alicia Hayter](#) has experience in several areas of intellectual property. She has been involved with advising clients in all aspects of patent law, including utility and design patent application preparation, prosecution, counseling, and portfolio management. She additionally conducts searches and prepares corresponding patentability, freedom to operate, and non-infringement opinions. Ms. Hayter concentrates her practice in a wide variety of mechanical technologies, serving both foreign and domestic clients. Within

the mechanical arts, her practice has involved substantial work with aerospace and aeronautics, elevators, heating and cooling systems, and latch and lock technology. She also has prepared patent applications directed to packaging and manufacturing of consumer goods including food and candy and kitchen appliances. Ms. Hayter worked onsite for client United Technologies Corporation Building Industrial Systems for a secondment of four months, during which she worked on transactional matters, wrote freedom-to-operate opinions, and worked directly with business unit leaders, UTC Fellows, inventors, and marketing leaders. In addition to working with some of the firm's largest clients, Ms. Hayter has counseled several small Connecticut-based businesses in creating an IP strategy and securing their first patents. Prior to joining Cantor Colburn LLP, Ms. Hayter worked as both a mechanical engineer and a patent engineer at Otis Elevator, where she helped develop and protect new technology while attending law school. She has prepared and prosecuted more than 500 utility and design patent applications. She has a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from Villanova University and a JD from the University of Connecticut School of Law.



[Jared B. Howenstine](#) concentrates his practice in intellectual property/information technology. He focuses his practice on patent prosecution, counseling, licensing, and patent infringement litigation, representing companies from a broad range of industries, with clients of all sizes, from solo inventors to start-up companies to *Fortune 100* companies. Mr. Howenstine's utility patent prosecution and counseling practice has involved mechanical medical devices, tools, automotive components, oilfield exploration and production equipment, additive manufacturing, consumer electronic devices, wireless communication, machinery, elevators, heating and cooling systems, and aerospace and aeronautics components. He has also represented and counseled clients for design patents related to tools, automotive components, and electronic devices. He earned two B.S. degrees, one in astronomy and one in physics, both *magna cum laude*, from the University of Massachusetts Amherst and a J.D. from South Texas College of Law Houston, *cum laude*.



[David Kincaid](#) counsels clients on intellectual property matters across many technical fields. Mr. Kincaid's law firm and in-house experiences span diverse industries including high-tech, automotive, oil and gas, aerospace, manufacturing, communications, and e-commerce. His practice concentrates on patent preparation and prosecution strategies for electrical and computer-related technologies. Mr. Kincaid also drafts opinions and advises clients about issues of patentability, invalidity, non-infringement, and product clearance. In addition to his patent practice, he is also experienced in copyright, trademark, and trade secret protection. He has a B.S. in Computer Engineering from the Florida Institute of Technology *cum laude* and a JD from the University of Louisville Louis D. Brandeis School of Law.



[Matteo Pedini's](#) practice focuses on the preparation and prosecution of domestic and foreign patents for electrical and computer-related technologies. He has substantial experience in the following technologies: semiconductor design and fabrication; server memory, processors, and data transfer; information access and delivery; data storage systems; aircraft power systems; automotive exhaust and powertrain systems; digital media systems; telecommunication systems; image forming devices; wireless communication; and electro-mechanical control systems. While attending law school, he served as an intellectual property law clerk for three years drafting domestic patent applications. Before his law career, Mr. Pedini served as an electrical engineer for a domestic automotive supplier and assisted in the design of 42-volt electrical systems for hybrid high-voltage automobiles and heavy trucks. He also has extensive experience conducting personal interviews with examiners at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office concerning patent applications. Mr. Pedini has a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from the Lawrence Technological University and a JD from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law.



[Wanli Wu](#) focuses on drafting patent applications and obtaining patents in the fields of polymers, oil and gas field fluids, hydrocarbon recovery and treatment, cosmetics, and specialty chemicals. She also conducted patentability, product clearance, and patent validity studies. Before becoming a patent practitioner, Ms. Wu was a research chemist for eight years. She synthesized novel Hepatitis C drug candidates and was an inventor for several patents/applications. She has a B.S. and M.S. in Chemistry from the

Nankai University, an M.S. in Organic Chemistry from the University of Mississippi, and a JD from Rutgers School of Law.



[Jessica Kimberlin Eastman, Ph.D.](#) currently assists clients in a wide range of technical fields including chemistry, nanotechnology, chemical engineering, and mechanical engineering, with a primary focus on polymer and material science ranging from monomer synthesis through product development. Her practice involves multiple applications in polymerization, glazings, additive manufacturing, personal care products, packaging, optics, wireless communication, fuel cells, and thermal management. Dr. Eastman has

extensive experience in patent preparation and both foreign and domestic prosecution. She works closely with a variety of start-up companies, several of the leading companies in the plastics industry, major research universities, and for other clients with sophisticated technology and intellectual property portfolios. Prior to joining Cantor Colburn, Dr. Eastman worked as an engineer in several companies including Rogers Corporation, Unilever, Fraunhofer IPA, Tokyo Women's Medical University, and the National Institute of Standards and Technology. She has a B.S. in Chemical Engineering and a B.A. in German from the University of Connecticut and an M.S. and a Ph.D. in Polymer Science and Engineering from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

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Cantor Colburn is one of the largest intellectual property law firms in the country, with more than 100 attorneys and agents providing counsel to clients around the globe from offices in Hartford, Atlanta, Washington, D.C., Houston and Detroit. Exceptionally well versed in a wide range of cutting-edge technologies, the firm's clients work in a broad spectrum of industries, including chemical, life sciences, pharmaceutical, medical devices, manufacturing, consumer products, energy, software, telecommunications, entertainment, and more. Recent rankings include:

- [#4 Largest Utility Patent Law Firm, IP Watchdog, 2018](#)
- [#3 Largest Design Patent Law Firm, Ant-like Persistence, 2018](#)
- [#8 Largest Trademark Law Firm, Ant-like Persistence, 2018](#)
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