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**Director of United States Patent and Trademark Office
Delivers Inaugural Lecture at Cantor Colburn's Distinguished Speaker Series at
The University of Connecticut School of Law**

HARTFORD - On January 19, 2011 David Kappos, under secretary of commerce for intellectual property and director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), delivered the inaugural lecture for the Cantor Colburn LLP Intellectual Property and Entrepreneurship Distinguished Speaker Series at the University of Connecticut School of Law. In 2010, Cantor Colburn LLP established the speaker series to advance a public discourse regarding intellectual property, innovation, and entrepreneurship, all of which are of real importance to economic growth.

"We were excited to sponsor a lecture series that would draw some of the world's leading figures in patent and trademark law, and David Kappos was the perfect person to be our inaugural speaker," said Michael A. Cantor, Co-Managing Partner of Cantor Colburn and a 1983 graduate of the law school. "And UConn Law is our ideal partner in this venture. The law school is outstanding, and home to a very robust IP Legal Clinic."

"By bringing together leaders in business, government and the law, we can work together to cultivate economic growth in our region and for our country, to everyone's benefit," said Philmore H. Colburn II, Co-Managing Partner of Cantor Colburn.

In his remarks, Mr. Kappos stated that intellectual property has become "the central feature of our economy." In talking about the importance of the USPTO, Mr. Kappos described it as "the mandatory first stop on an idea's journey to the marketplace." He then went on to talk about the people, processes and tools at the USPTO and their work to speed and improve the patent process, and thereby speed up innovation.

Mr. Kappos advises the President, the Secretary of Commerce, and the Administration on intellectual property matters. The USPTO provides incentives to encourage technological advancement and helps entrepreneurs and businesses of all sizes protect their investments, promote their goods and services and safeguard against deception in the marketplace. Over a 21-year career in intellectual property, Mr. Kappos has seen all sides of the IP system and its impact on innovation globally. Mr. Kappos directs an office that provides incentives to encourage technological advancement and helps entrepreneurs and businesses of all sizes protect their investments, promote their goods and services and safeguard against deception in the marketplace. Before joining the USPTO, Mr. Kappos led the intellectual property law department at IBM.

About Cantor Colburn LLP

Cantor Colburn LLP is one the largest intellectual property specialty law firms in the U.S., providing clients worldwide with the complete range of legal services that allow



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them to enjoy the greatest value from their intellectual property assets. Cantor Colburn is a leading firm in the preparation and prosecution of patent applications, and our patent professionals are adept in a great diversity of technologies. The firm also has extensive practice in other intellectual property areas, such as validity and infringement opinions, reexaminations, interferences, licensing, due diligence regarding acquisitions and divestitures, and technology transfer agreements. Cantor Colburn's trademark and copyright team is nationally ranked for its services in trademarks, trade dress, and unfair competition law, copyrights, trade secrets and proprietary information protection, domain name registrations and disputes, internet and e-commerce law, licensing, distribution agreements, transfer agreements and due diligence for acquisitions and divestitures. Cantor Colburn's litigation team has extensive and diverse experience in intellectual property, commercial and business litigation cases, and has represented plaintiffs, defendants, intellectual property owners, as well as accused infringers, in litigation. The firm's clients are among the leading companies in the United States and around the world, including Fortune 100 companies, privately held companies, select high-tech start-ups, and universities. Cantor Colburn has offices in Hartford, Washington, D.C., Atlanta, Houston, and Detroit. For more information, go to www.cantorcolburn.com.

About the University of Connecticut's Intellectual Property and Entrepreneurship Law Clinic (IP Law Clinic)

The IP Law Clinic was formed in 2007 and has since assisted more than 160 Connecticut-based clients with services including intellectual property counseling, patent searches and applications, trademark clearance searches and registration applications, copyright and trade secret matters, drafting and negotiating intellectual property agreements, and Connecticut LLC formation. The IP Law Clinic is one of only six law school clinics in the nation selected by the USPTO to participate in a pilot program under which law students are granted limited recognition to practice law (while under attorney supervision) before the USPTO. In 2010, the IP Law Clinic's participation in the PTO's program was renewed.

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