

Cantor Colburn Names New Partners and Counsel for 2024

[Cantor Colburn LLP](#) is pleased to announce that six attorneys have been promoted within the Firm to partnership, effective January 1, 2024. The new partners are [Asaf Batelman](#), [Ali Caless](#), [Nancy Kennedy](#), [Sung Wook Kooh](#), [Matteo Pedini](#), and [Kimberly Vines, Ph.D.](#) Mr. Batelman, Mr. Kooh, Mr. Pedini, and Dr. Vines are patent attorneys and Ms. Caless and Ms. Kennedy are trademark and copyright attorneys. All have been part of the firm for several years, earning the respect of their colleagues and consistently delivering excellent service to clients throughout their tenure.

Co-Managing Partner Philmore H. Colburn II emphasized the exceptional proficiency and dedication of the new partners, “Our new partners have demonstrated that they are trusted advisors, consistently delivering the highest level of service and counsel to our clients. Their contributions have been impressive, and we know they will continue to be successful in their new roles as partners.”

Co-Managing Partner Michael Cantor underscored the diversity and energy that the new partners bring to the firm, “We warmly welcome Asaf, Ali, Nancy, Sung, Matteo, and Kim to our partnership. This team brings diversity in their backgrounds, technical expertise, practice areas, and tenure with the firm. Their energy and new viewpoints further strengthen our Firm.”

About the Attorneys



[Asaf Batelman's](#) practice focuses on patent applications. His current practice areas of focus include engineered materials, polymer synthesis and processing, and display technologies, and he also has experience in a wide range of technical areas, including semiconductor packaging and fabrication, petrochemicals, chemical and gas processing, and battery technologies. He previously served as an in-house patent attorney at a privately-held company in the greater Washington, D.C. area, where his work was focused on patent portfolio strategy and licensing relating to carbon nanotube technology, including conductive polymer-carbon nanotube composites. He holds a J.D. from the University of North Carolina School of Law, and has a bachelor's in chemical engineering from Case Western Reserve University. He is admitted in Virginia and the District of Columbia, and to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.



[Ali Caless](#) is a trademark and copyright attorney. She counsels clients on trademark clearance, prosecution, monitoring, and enforcement, and U.S. and foreign portfolio development and management. She is involved in drafting settlement agreements to resolve trademark disputes. She also provides assistance with other intellectual property agreements including assignments, licenses, and consent agreements. She also has experience in copyright matters and domain name disputes, including arbitrations under the Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy. She is recognized in Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch, 2022 and 2023, and a Super Lawyers Rising Star, 2020. She holds a J.D. with honors from the University of Connecticut School of Law, with a Certificate in Intellectual Property Law, and a B.A. from Trinity College. She is admitted in Connecticut.



[Nancy Kennedy](#) manages domestic and international trademark, copyright, trade dress, domain name and other cyberlaw matters. She concentrates her practice on conducting trademark clearance searches and rendering opinions on availability and registrability; prosecuting applications for registration at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the U.S. Copyright Office; recording registrations with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Office of Customs and Border Protection; and representing clients in disputes before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board. She also counsels clients on the strategic use, policing, and enforcement of intellectual property to protect the investment in products, services, and ideas from the concept stage to the marketplace.

She is a Visiting Professor from Practice at the University of Connecticut School of Law, teaching Internet Law; Trademark Law; and Newer Technologies and the Law: NFTs, Blockchain, and Web 3.0. She also served as the Supervising Clinical Attorney at UConn Law's Intellectual Property and Entrepreneurship Law Clinic. She holds a J.D. from the University of Connecticut School of Law, with an Honors Certificate in Intellectual Property Law; a Certificate in International Intellectual Property Law from Tulane University Law School; and a B.A. from the University of Massachusetts Amherst. She is admitted in Connecticut. She is admitted in Connecticut, to practice before the US District Court for the District of Connecticut, as well as the US Supreme Court.



[Sung Wook Kooh](#) concentrates his practice on mechanical and electrical engineering, including computer science, software, telecommunications, display devices, medical devices, fuel cell batteries, semiconductor devices, nanotechnologies, and optical devices. As a Korean patent attorney, prior to joining the firm, Mr. Kooh practiced for more than thirteen years at Samsung Electronics managing the IP prosecution team, where he oversaw patent prosecution in the United States and Korea, patent portfolio management and strategy development worldwide, patent infringement/validity analysis, licensing negotiations, patent maps, design-around, enrolling patents in standard patent pools, buying patents, and IP due diligence. In Korea, he attended the Seoul Science High

School, the Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology, earning a B.S. in Electrical Engineering, and Seoul National University, earning a master's in electrical engineering. He holds a J.D. from the George Mason University School of Law. He is a patent attorney admitted in the U.S. and in South Korea.



[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; artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning technologies; server memory, processors, and data transfer; information access and delivery; data storage systems; aircraft power systems; automotive exhaust and powertrain systems; digital media systems; home appliances and consumer-electric machines; 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, he 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. He holds a J.D. from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law and a bachelor's in electrical engineering from the Lawrence Technological University. He is admitted in Illinois and to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.



[Kimberly Vines, Ph.D.](#) is a patent attorney with expertise in prosecuting U.S., foreign, and international applications in the areas of polymer and materials science; pharmaceuticals and pharmaceutical formulation; agricultural chemicals and their formulation; organometallic compounds; and biotechnology. She practices all aspects of patent prosecution including non-infringement and invalidity opinions. Her doctoral thesis was directed to the design and synthesis of novel RXR-selective retinoids as breast cancer chemopreventive agents. Her post-doctoral research was directed to the synthesis of natural products such as Epothilone B and Pseudolaric Acid B as well as anti-malarial compounds. Prior to practicing law, she worked as a chemist at several companies in the greater Boston

area. She holds a J.D. from the University of Alabama School of Law. She holds a bachelor's in chemistry and a Ph.D. in organic chemistry from the University of Alabama. She is admitted in Alabama and to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

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- #5 Design Patent Law Firm, Ant-like Persistence, 2023
- #8 Trademark Law Firm, Ant-like Persistence, 2023
- #6 Most Active Law Firm Overall, Patexia, 2023
- Top 10 Patent Firm by Tech Center 2023, Harrity 2023
- Best Law Firm, 2017-2023
- Top 10 Patent Law Firms, Most Well-Respected Law Firm 2023, The Patent Lawyer Magazine,
- Top 10 Trademark Law Firms, Most Well-Respected Law Firm 2023, The Trademark Lawyer Magazine

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