

Cantor Colburn Expands Life Sciences Practice Group with Addition of Nicholas Herrel, Ph.D., Esq.



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Hartford, Connecticut – [Cantor Colburn LLP](#) has expanded its [Life Sciences Practice Group](#) with the addition of [Nicholas Herrel, Ph.D.](#) as an associate in the firm's Hartford headquarters office. Dr. Herrel joins the firm from Locke Lord LLP, where he worked with [Bryan Zerhusen, Ph.D.](#), who recently joined Cantor Colburn as Chair of the Life Sciences Practice Group.

Dr. Herrel concentrates his practice in domestic and foreign patent preparation, prosecution, and counseling in the life science and chemical arts. He regularly prepares freedom-to-operate and patentability searches, analysis, and opinions, as well as drafts patent applications and prosecutes domestic and foreign patent applications. Prior to his outside counsel experience, Dr. Herrel was a Patent Counsel at General Electric. Prior to the start of his legal career, Dr. Herrel performed biomedical research for over seven years, where he focused on viral and cancer biology. During his scientific career, he has examined viral tropism, performed epidemiological studies examining microbial infections and cancer, and taught undergraduate, graduate, and medical students in numerous areas, including virology, bacteriology, immunology, parasitology, chemistry, biochemistry, and advanced cell biology, and laboratory theory and techniques.

Dr. Herrel graduated *magna cum laude* from Quinnipiac University School of Law. He has a B.S. in Biology from the State University of New York at Geneseo, and an M.S. and Ph.D. in Microbiology from the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center. He is admitted to practice before the USPTO and in Connecticut.

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