

# Cozen O'Connor Names 10 Attorneys To Membership in the Firm

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L. Stephen Bowers, Philadelphia; J. Patrick Cohoon, Houston; David R. Denton, Los Angeles; Patrick M. Kennell, New York; Dave Kissoon, New York; Daniel J. Luccaro, Philadelphia; James M. Stanton, Dallas; David B. Sunshine, New York; Cheryl A. Upham, Philadelphia; Matthew I. Weinstein, Philadelphia

“We are proud to welcome these highly qualified attorneys into membership in the firm,” said Thomas A. Decker, president and chief executive officer of Cozen O’Connor. “Their individual and combined contributions reflect the talent and strength of our firm.”

Resident in the firm’s Philadelphia office, Bowers practices in the business law department, concentrating on ERISA, pension, profit-sharing, and welfare benefit plans. He also assists clients in the areas of health privacy, corporate and tax law. He spent three years as a consultant for Mercer Human Resource Consulting and previously served as an investigator/pension benefit advisor for the U.S. Department of Labor.

Bowers is a graduate of The University of Scranton (B.A., 1994) and Boston University School of Law (J.D., *cum laude*, 1999).

Cphoon practices in the firm’s Houston office, handling all types of litigation, including banking, energy, securities, reinsurance, surety, real estate, construction and business tort matters through the trial and appeals process. He is actively involved in pro bono projects, working with the Houston Pro Bono Network on a variety of initiatives and as a volunteer for Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program.

Cphoon is a graduate of Texas Tech University (B.B.A., 1991) and South Texas College of Law (J.D., *cum laude*, 2001), where he was assistant editor-in-chief of the *South Texas Law Review*.

Denton practices in the firm’s Los Angeles office and is part of the subrogation and recovery department. In addition to this work, he has experience in insurance defense, civil litigation, business, intellectual property, corporate counseling, personal injury, and employment litigation matters.

Denton is a graduate of Pepperdine University (B.A., *magna cum laude*, 1994) and Loyola Law School (J.D., 1999), where he was technical editor of the *Entertainment Law Journal*.

Resident in the firm’s New York downtown office, Kennell practices in the global insurance group, where he counsels many of the world’s largest insurers on coverage for complex commercial matters. His work involves securities fraud and other class-action lawsuits, director and officer liability, professional liability, errors and omissions liability, and fidelity/commercial crimes. He regularly represents international insurers in courts across the United States in litigation of coverage issues, including claims of bad faith.

Kennell is a graduate of Eastern Illinois University (B.A., 1998) and Syracuse University College of Law (J.D., *cum laude*, 2002), where he was elected to the Order of the Barristers and received the International Academy of Trial Lawyers’ Award, the American College of Trial Lawyers’ Medal for Excellence in Advocacy, and the Moot Court Honor Society Team Award. While an undergraduate, he served as an intern to U.S. Congressman Thomas W. Ewing.

## Related Practice Areas

- Tax

Resident in the firm's New York downtown office, Kissoon is admitted to the bars of New York and England and Wales, where he holds qualification status as a barrister at law. He is also admitted to the bars of Barbados, Guyana, and Trinidad. He actively litigates cases in jurisdictions throughout the United States, the United Kingdom, and the Caribbean commonwealths, handling complex commercial litigation matters in a variety of practice areas including administrative law, entertainment (including copyright and trademarks), immigration, international law, bankruptcy, real estate, landlord tenant, insurance, maritime, oil and gas, zoning, and corporate governance.

Kissoon is a graduate of the University of London, University College (LL.B., 1998), Cornell Law School (LL.M., 2001), Inns of Court School of Law (B.V.C., 1999), where he qualified as a Barrister, and City University (Diploma, 1999). He practiced in England as a Barrister at the Essex Court Chambers from 1999 to 2001, specializing in arbitration and general commercial litigation. He recently earned his Legal Education Certificate from the Council of Legal Education at the University of the West Indies - Hugh Wooding Law School (L.E.C., 2008).

Luccaro practices in the firm's Philadelphia office as a member of the subrogation and recovery department, handling appellate, product liability, and subrogation for clients in a variety of industries. He is admitted to practice in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, before the U.S. Courts of Appeal for the Second and Fourth Circuits, and before the U.S. District Courts for the Eastern and Middle Districts of Pennsylvania and the District of New Jersey.

Luccaro is a graduate of Colgate University (B.A., 1999) and the Georgetown University Law Center (J.D., 2002).

Stanton was recently appointed to the 134th Civil District Court in Dallas County, Texas. At 32 years old, he is the youngest sitting district judge in the State of Texas.

Prior to his appointment, he was named member of Cozen O'Connor. Stanton represented clients in cases involving breach of contract, negligence, employment discrimination, and product liability.

He also has experience in complex commercial litigation, product liability, antitrust, civil rights, employment, and personal injury cases. In addition, his scholarly writing projects have been published in the *Baylor Law Review* and the *Thurgood Marshall Law Review*.

Stanton is a graduate of the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs (B.A., with high distinction, *magna cum laude*, 1999) and Baylor University School of Law (J.D., 2002), where he served as president of his class, senior executive editor of the *Baylor Law Review* and a member of Baylor's interscholastic Moot Court and Mock Trial teams.

Resident in the firm's New York midtown office, Sunshine practices in the intellectual property group, concentrating on patent, trademark and copyright litigation, U.S. and international trademark prosecution, unfair competition and copyright registration and practice. He litigates patent and trademark cases in federal courts as well as represents clients in inter partes proceedings before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Sunshine earned his law degree from the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, where he served as the acquisitions editor of the *Cardozo Arts & Entertainment Law Journal*, and his undergraduate degree from Washington University.

Upham practices in the firm's Philadelphia office and concentrates her practice in corporate tax law. She has appeared before Pennsylvania and Philadelphia administrative appeals boards on both audit defense and refund issues. Upham formerly served as a manager in the State and Local Tax Group at PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP in Philadelphia, where she concentrated on multi-state tax issues related to corporations, not-for-profit organizations and mergers and acquisitions.

Upham earned her J.D. (1997) and LL.M. (1999) from Villanova University School of Law, and her undergraduate degree (1994), *cum laude*, from Villanova University.

Resident in the Philadelphia office, Weinstein practices in the real estate group, and also focuses on government-assisted and affordable housing matters. He has extensive experience representing housing authorities and affordable housing developers, particularly with respect to HUD and state tax credit allocating agency compliance issues. In addition to his affordable housing practice, Weinstein has extensive experience representing real estate developers, shopping center owners and landlords in all aspects of the acquisition, development, financing, leasing and disposition of commercial developments. He also represents many local, regional and national tenants and landlords in negotiating office and retail leasing space in shopping centers, office complexes, industrial sites, technology parks and incubation centers.

Weinstein earned his law degree, *magna cum laude*, from Villanova Law School, where he was the managing editor of outside articles for the *Villanova Law Review*, was elected to the Order of the Coif, and received the *Villanova Law Review* Scribe's Award. He earned his undergraduate degree from Columbia University.