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PLSG Investment Manager Joins National Law Firm as Health Sciences Technical Specialist

Marissa Kuzirian Takes Commercialization Expertise into the Private Sector

PITTSBURGH, PA (September 12, 2018)—Marissa Kuzirian, an Investment Manager with the Pittsburgh Life Sciences Greenhouse, has accepted a new position in the Pittsburgh office of national law firm Pepper Hamilton LLP. In her new position, Kuzirian will serve as Technical Specialist in the Health Sciences Practice Group.

The Health Sciences Practices Group at Pepper Hamilton focuses on comprehensive and strategic intellectual property for pharmaceutical, medical device, and health care providers. “Marissa’s extensive scientific background, as well as the skill sets gained regarding intellectual property and commercialization of concepts while at PLSG, will contribute to the group’s ability to serve its clients.” said Ray Miller, Partner at Pepper Hamilton.

“We believe we have helped prepare Marissa for this next big step, taking a post-doctoral professional and training her in all aspects of successfully bringing technology ideas through to commercial success,” said Jim Jordan, President and CEO of the PLSG. “Part of our mission is to groom our Investment Managers for roles that contribute to the regional business community.”

“PLSG was a great place to gain experience in early stage commercialization and opened opportunities for the next stage of my career,” Kuzirian noted. “Between my experience supporting early stage life science companies and contribution to writing *The Intellectual Property Pyramid*© Assessment workbook, I feel I have gained the knowledge and skill set for success in my new role at Pepper Hamilton, LLP.”

Kuzirian joined the PLSG in 2017 as an Executive Associate following an NIH-funded post-doctoral fellowship at the University of Pittsburgh. She evaluated investments in pharmaceuticals and health care IT and provided strategic support to companies in the early stages of development.

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