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ON THE MOVE

Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP *welcomes April Abele Isaacson as partner*

Isaacson returned to Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton as a partner in San Francisco as part of a five-attorney national life science patent litigation team from DLA Piper.

The firm announced the addition of the team on Oct. 14.

Isaacson, who practiced at DLA Piper for nine months, specializes in generic drugs and biologics litigation, as well as commercial and licensing disputes related to life sciences.

“It was really about going to Kilpatrick Townsend for me,” Isaacson commented on the move. “I actually had previously worked at the firm and that’s where I made partner.”

The firm’s deep technical bench, expertise and outstanding trial team were what made the opportunity stand out, she said.

“For me, quite frankly, it’s a homecoming. There’s many people that

worked there back when I was with the firm previously, which to me speaks to the ... firm’s culture and environment.”

Isaacson practiced at a predecessor of Kilpatrick Townsend from 2002 to 2007.

Over the course of her career, she has worked at Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, Goodwin Procter LLP and Shook, Hardy & Bacon LLP, and as in-house counsel to pharmaceutical company Impax Laboratories. That experience, she said, has helped her understand clients.

“My unique selling point is that my perspective comes from both having been outside counsel as well as in-house counsel,” she said. “I understand kind of the business of the business and some of the pain points that you may face when you’re inside a company in terms of



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being a consumer of legal services.”

Isaacson, a Navy veteran, is passionate about her pro bono work for veterans and is an active member of CalVet Women Veterans Division. Accompanying her in the move to Kilpatrick Townsend were counsel Abby Markeson, based in Seattle, New York partners Brian David O’Reilly and Michael Enzo Furrow, and counsel Erica W. Kuo.