

Kilpatrick Townsend Earns Top Recognitions in 2023 Edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*®

*22 Kilpatrick Townsend Attorneys Named “Lawyer of the Year”
in their Respective Practice Areas*

ATLANTA (August 18) – Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton announced today that a total of **228** Kilpatrick Townsend attorneys have recently been honored by their peers in the 2023 editions of *The Best Lawyers in America*® and *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America*. To view the **56** Kilpatrick Townsend attorneys recognized as Ones to Watch, please visit the separate press release located [here](#).

Highlights from the 2023 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* include:

- Kilpatrick Townsend as the “**Top-Listed**” firm in the **United States** for the total number of attorneys listed for **Trademark Law**. This is the **tenth-consecutive year** the firm has earned this prestigious recognition.
- In addition to being the “Top-Listed” firm in the United States for Trademark Law, Kilpatrick Townsend was also “**Top Listed**” nationally for **Information Technology Law, IT Outsourcing Law, and Privacy and Data Security Law**.
- Kilpatrick Townsend was the “**Top-Listed**” firm in **Georgia** for **13** practice areas, including: **Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships), Corporate Compliance Law, Information Technology Law, IT Outsourcing Law, Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law, Litigation - Intellectual Property, Litigation - Patent, Patent Law, Privacy and Data Security Law, Securities Regulation, Technology Law, Trademark Law, and Venture Capital Law**. Kilpatrick Townsend was also “**Top-Listed**” in **North Carolina** for **Patent Law**.
- Kilpatrick Townsend was the “**Top-Listed**” firm in **18** practice areas between the Atlanta and Winston-Salem Metropolitan Regions.
- Kilpatrick Townsend had **22** attorneys named “**Lawyer of the Year**” for their respective practice areas and offices. These individuals received the highest overall peer-feedback for a specific practice area and geographic region in the 2023 edition. Only one lawyer is recognized as the “Lawyer of the Year” for each specialty and location.

The year in parentheses indicates the first year attorneys were recognized by *Best Lawyers*. An asterisk indicates a new practice area an attorney is recognized for in 2023.

The 172 Kilpatrick Townsend attorneys recognized in this edition of *Best Lawyers* include:

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

John W. Alden (2019)

- Employment Law - Management
- Labor Law - Management
- Litigation - Labor and Employment

Miles J. Alexander (1983)

- Antitrust Law
- Arbitration
- Corporate Law
- Litigation - Antitrust
- Litigation - Intellectual Property
- Mediation
- Trademark Law

Hayley R. Ambler (2019)

- Construction Law
- Litigation - Construction

Olivia Maria Baratta (2016)

- Litigation - Intellectual Property
- Trademark Law

Louis Barbieri III (2017)

- Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law
- Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Venture Capital Law

W. Benjamin Barkley (2009)

2023 Atlanta Securities Regulation "Lawyer of the Year"

- Corporate Compliance Law
- Corporate Governance Law
- Corporate Law
- Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law
- Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Securities / Capital Markets Law
- Securities Regulation

Shannon C. Baxter (2023*)

- Banking and Finance Law*
- Commercial Finance Law*

Colin M. Bernardino (2020)

- Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law

Thomas J. Biafore (2008)

- Banking and Finance Law
- Real Estate Law
- Securities / Capital Markets Law
- Securitization and Structured Finance Law

W. Stanley Blackburn (2005)

- Corporate Law
- Mergers and Acquisitions Law

James F. Bogan III (2009)

- Appellate Practice
- Commercial Litigation
- Litigation - Intellectual Property
- Privacy and Data Security Law

- Product Liability Litigation - Defendants
- Technology Law

William H. Brewster (1997)

- Advertising Law
- Commercial Litigation
- Litigation - Intellectual Property
- Sports Law
- Trademark Law

Brent W. Brouger (2020)

- Insurance Law
- Litigation - Insurance

Joel D. Bush (2017)

- Commercial Litigation
- Information Technology Law
- Litigation - Banking and Finance
- Litigation - Intellectual Property
- Litigation - Mergers and Acquisitions
- Technology Law

Christopher P. Bussert (2007)

- Franchise Law
- Litigation - Intellectual Property
- Trademark Law

Christopher M. Caiaccio (2023*)

- Employment Law - Management*

S. Joel Cartee (2013)

- Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships)
- Communications Law
- Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law
- Mergers and Acquisitions Law

Thomas H. Christopher (2010)

- Employment Law - Management
- Labor Law - Management
- Litigation - Labor and Employment

Richard Cicchillo, Jr. (2007)

- Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships)
- Corporate Law
- Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law
- Mergers and Acquisitions Law

Gregory K. Cinnamon (2009)

- Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships)
- Corporate Law
- International Mergers and Acquisitions
- Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law
- Mergers and Acquisitions Law

Thomas M. Clyde (2006)

- Appellate Practice
- Commercial Litigation
- Communications Law
- First Amendment Law
- Litigation - First Amendment
- Media Law

Michael J. Cochran (2013)

- Banking and Finance Law
- Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- Corporate Law
- Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law
- Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Securities Regulation
- Venture Capital Law

Farah F. Cook (2020)

2023 Atlanta IT Outsourcing Law "Lawyer of the Year"

- Information Technology Law
- IT Outsourcing Law
- Privacy and Data Security Law
- Technology Law

Brian G. Corgan (2006)

- Construction Law
- Litigation - Construction

Theodore H. Davis Jr. (2008)

- Litigation - Intellectual Property
- Trademark Law

William E. Dorris (2006)

- Construction Law
- Litigation - Construction

Kristin J. Doyle (2018)

- Patent Law

David M. Eaton (2013)

- Corporate Compliance Law
- Corporate Governance Law
- Corporate Law
- Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Securities / Capital Markets Law
- Securities Regulation
- Venture Capital Law

Lynn E. Fowler (2011)

- Litigation and Controversy - Tax
- Tax Law

Joshua S. Ganz (2020)

- Commercial Transactions / UCC Law
- Information Technology Law
- IT Outsourcing Law
- Technology Law

C. Allen Garrett, Jr. (2017)

2023 Atlanta Appellate Practice “Lawyer of the Year”

- Appellate Practice
- Commercial Litigation
- Technology Law

Douglas W. Gilfillan (2020)

- Criminal Defense: White-Collar
- Litigation - Regulatory Enforcement (SEC, Telecom, Energy)

Randall F. Hafer (2003)

- Arbitration
- Construction Law
- International Arbitration - Commercial
- International Arbitration - Governmental
- Litigation - Construction

R. Charles Henn Jr. (2010)

- Advertising Law
- Litigation - Intellectual Property
- Trademark Law

D. Clay Holloway (2021)

- Litigation - Intellectual Property
- Litigation - Patent*

Brenda O. Holmes (2011)

- Patent Law

Yendelela Neely Holston (2023*)

- Litigation - Labor and Employment*

Charles H. Hooker III (2023*)

- Litigation - Intellectual Property*

Stephen E. Hudson (2013)

- Commercial Litigation
- Litigation - Banking and Finance
- Litigation - Securities

Christine P. James (2017)

- Trademark Law

John P. Jett (2021)

- Commercial Litigation
- Franchise Law*
- Litigation - Intellectual Property

Alicia Grahn Jones (2020)

2023 Atlanta Trademark Law "Lawyer of the Year"

- Trademark Law

Vaibhav "Wab" P. Kadaba (2010)

2023 Atlanta Litigation – Intellectual Property "Lawyer of the Year"

- Litigation - Intellectual Property
- Litigation - Patent
- Patent Law
- Trade Secrets Law

M. Andrew Kauss (2006)

- Real Estate Law

Russell A. Korn (2019)

2023 Atlanta Patent Law "Lawyer of the Year"

- Litigation - Intellectual Property
- Litigation - Patent
- Patent Law

Julie Lierly (2023*)

- Commercial Litigation*

Tywanda Harris Lord (2015)

- Food and Beverage Law
- Litigation - Intellectual Property
- Trademark Law

Alfred S. Lurey (1983)

- Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- Litigation - Bankruptcy

R. Lee Mann III (2013)

- Construction Law
- Litigation - Construction

Scott L. Marrah (2018)

- Commercial Litigation
- Corporate Compliance Law
- Criminal Defense: White-Collar
- Litigation - Regulatory Enforcement (SEC, Telecom, Energy)

M. Lance McCord (2023*)

- Information Technology Law*
- IT Outsourcing Law*

Tina Williams McKeon (2009)

- Biotechnology and Life Sciences Practice
- Patent Law

Todd C. Meyers (2014)

- Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- Litigation - Bankruptcy

George L. Murphy, Jr. (2012)

- Commercial Litigation
- Litigation - Intellectual Property
- Litigation - Patent
- Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions - Defendants
- Product Liability Litigation - Defendants

Jon Neiditz (2015)

2023 Atlanta Electronic Discovery and Information Management Law "Lawyer of the Year"

- Electronic Discovery and Information Management Law
- Privacy and Data Security Law
- Technology Law

Jennifer O'Connor (2018)

- Securitization and Structured Finance Law

Susan W. Pangborn (2018)

- Employment Law - Management
- Litigation - Labor and Employment

Adria L. Perez (2023*)

- Criminal Defense: White-Collar*

William R. Poplin, Jr. (2009)

- Construction Law
- International Arbitration - Commercial
- Litigation - Construction

Judith A. Powell (2009)

- Litigation - Intellectual Property
- Trademark Law

Diane L. Prucino (2003)

- Employment Law - Management
- Labor Law - Management
- Litigation - Labor and Employment

Michael W. Rafter (2007)

- Trademark Law

Ronald L. Raider (2023*)

- International Arbitration - Commercial*
- Product Liability Litigation - Defendants*

Lauren Sullins Ralls (2023*)

- Trademark Law*

Keith L. Richardson (2017)

- Construction Law
- Litigation - Construction

Susan H. Richardson (2006)

- Environmental Law
- Litigation - Environmental
- Water Law

Dean W. Russell (1997)

- Patent Law

Jennifer Stobie Schumacher (2009)

- Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law

Lynn S. Scott (2021)

- Health Care Law

Robert B. Shaw (2023*)

- Banking and Finance Law*

Gary R. Sheehan Jr. (2013)

- Environmental Law
- Litigation - Environmental
- Water Law

Burleigh L. Singleton (2018)

- Commercial Litigation
- Construction Law
- Litigation - Construction
- Product Liability Litigation - Defendants

John F. “Sandy” Smith (2012)

- Biotechnology and Life Sciences Practice
- Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships)
- Corporate Law
- International Mergers and Acquisitions
- Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law
- Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Venture Capital Law

David A. Stockton (2001)

2023 Atlanta Corporate Governance “Lawyer of the Year”

- Corporate Compliance Law
- Corporate Governance Law
- Corporate Law
- Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law
- Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Securities / Capital Markets Law
- Securities Regulation

Mitchell G. Stockwell (2008) [15]

- Litigation - Intellectual Property
- Litigation - Patent

Daniel B. Swaja (2018)

- Construction Law
- Virginia S. Taylor (1991) [30]
- Litigation - Intellectual Property
- Trademark Law

James A. Trigg (2010)

- Copyright Law
- Entertainment Law - Music
- Litigation - Intellectual Property
- Trademark Law

Michael J. Turton (2023*)

- Litigation - Intellectual Property*

Michelle Tyde (2018)

- Commercial Transactions / UCC Law
- IT Outsourcing Law
- Privacy and Data Security Law
- Technology Law

Michael W. Tyler (2013)

- Commercial Litigation
- Franchise Law
- Product Liability Litigation - Defendants

Rex R. Veal (2007)

2023 Atlanta Securitization and Structured Finance Law "Lawyer of the Year"

- Banking and Finance Law
- Litigation - Real Estate
- Real Estate Law
- Securitization and Structured Finance Law

Kathryn H. Wade (2010)

2023 Atlanta Biotechnology and Life Sciences Practice "Lawyer of the Year"

- Biotechnology and Life Sciences Practice
- Patent Law

J. Henry Walker IV (2013)

2023 Atlanta Technology Law "Lawyer of the Year"

- Commercial Litigation
- Litigation - Regulatory Enforcement (SEC, Telecom, Energy)
- Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions - Defendants
- Technology Law

Amanda M. Witt (2020)

- Information Technology Law
- IT Outsourcing Law
- Privacy and Data Security Law
- Technology Law

AUGUSTA, GEORGIA**Joseph H. Huff (2012)**

2023 Augusta Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants "Lawyer of the Year"

- Commercial Litigation
- Health Care Law
- Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants
- Qui Tam Law

Mark H. Reeves (2020)

- Commercial Litigation
- Native American Law

R. Perry Sentell III (2010)

- Commercial Litigation
- Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs

CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA**C. Todd Burbank (2016)**

- Real Estate Law

Lois W. Colbert (2013)

- Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law

James H. Pulliam (2018)

- Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- Litigation - Bankruptcy
- Litigation - Real Estate
- Real Estate Law

DALLAS, TEXAS**Kirk T. Florence (2023*)**

- Product Liability Litigation - Defendants*

Jenny L. Gruber (2023*)

- Real Estate Law*

Cole B. Ramey (2021)

- Commercial Litigation

Jason P. Steed (2020)

- Appellate Practice

James D. Steinberg (2001)

- Corporate Law
- Information Technology Law
- IT Outsourcing Law
- Technology Law

W. Alan Wright (2013)

- Commercial Litigation

DENVER, COLORADO**Eugene J. Bernard (2016)**

- Patent Law

Thomas D. Franklin (2015)

- Patent Law

Darin J. Gibby (2013)

- Patent Law

Charles W. Gray (2023*)

- Patent Law*

Kristopher L. Reed (2017)

- Litigation - Intellectual Property
- Litigation - Patent

HOUSTON, TEXAS**Patrick E. Gaas (2010)**

- Construction Law

Daniel F. Shank (2010)

- Commercial Litigation
- Construction Law
- Litigation - Construction
- Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**Raymond O. Aghaian (2023*)**

- Criminal Defense: White-Collar*

Larry W. McFarland (2023*)

- Litigation - Intellectual Property*

MENLO PARK, CALIFORNIA**Jon Michaelson (2018)**

- Commercial Litigation

Vince Parrett (2023*)

- Commercial Litigation

Joseph Petersen (2021)

- Copyright Law*
- Litigation - Intellectual Property

Heather L. Preston (2021)

- Tax Law

William L. Shaffer (2021)

- Patent Law

Susan M. Spaeth (2013)

- Litigation - Intellectual Property
- Litigation - Patent

NEW YORK, NEW YORK**Barry M. Benjamin (2011)**

- Advertising Law
- Trademark Law

Marc A. Lieberstein (2020)

- Copyright Law
- Franchise Law
- Litigation - Patent
- Trademark Law

J. David Mayberry (2018)

- Franchise Law
- Litigation - Intellectual Property

Lisa Pearson (2018)

- Copyright Law
- Entertainment Law - Motion Pictures and Television
- Litigation - Intellectual Property
- Trademark Law

David M. Posner (2021)

- Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law*
- Litigation - Bankruptcy

Robert N. Potter (2020)

- Copyright Law
- Litigation - Intellectual Property

Jill K. Tomlinson (2021)

- Trademark Law

RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA**Joseph S. Dowdy (2018)**

- Commercial Litigation

Brodie D. Erwin (2023*)

- Employment Law - Management*

John R. Erwin (2013)

- Biotechnology and Life Sciences Practice
- Corporate Law
- Mergers and Acquisitions Law

David R. Fricke (2011)

- Real Estate Law

Jennifer Giordano-Coltart Ph.D. (2022)*2023 Raleigh Biotechnology and Life Sciences Practice “Lawyer of the Year”*

- Biotechnology and Life Sciences Practice

Steven J. Levitas (2003) [20]

- CleanTech Law
- Energy Law
- Environmental Law
- Government Contracts
- Litigation - Environmental

John C. Livingston (2021)

- Energy Law*
- Real Estate Law

Alan H. McConnell (2006)*2023 Raleigh Litigation – Environmental “Lawyer of the Year”*

- Commercial Litigation
- Environmental Law
- Litigation - Environmental
- Water Law

B. Ford Robertson (2016)

- Real Estate Law

Carl E. Sanders (2021)*2023 Raleigh Patent Law “Lawyer of the Year”*

- Patent Law

Martha L. Sewell (2013)*2023 Raleigh Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law “Lawyer of the Year”*

- Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- Health Care Law
- Litigation - ERISA

Clay C. Wheeler (2016)

- Litigation - Securities

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA**James P. Cleary (2018)**

- Patent Law
- Trademark Law

Nancy L. Stagg (2008)

- Commercial Litigation
- Information Technology Law
- Litigation - Intellectual Property
- Litigation - Labor and Employment
- Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions - Defendants

James Y.C. Sze (2023*)

- Patent Law*

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA**Mehrnaz Boroumand Smith (2023*)**

- Commercial Litigation*
- Litigation - Intellectual Property*
- Litigation - Patent*
- Trademark Law*

Paul C. Haughey (2016)

- Patent Law

A. James Isbester (2017)

- Litigation - Intellectual Property

Anthony J. Malutta (2020)

- Trademark Law

Steven D. Moore (2018)

- Litigation - Intellectual Property
- Litigation - Patent

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON**John R. Neeleman (2021)**

- Commercial Litigation
- Professional Malpractice Law - Defendants*

Gwendolyn C. Payton (2023*)

- Commercial Litigation*

Rob Roy Edward Stuart Smith (2013)

2023 Seattle Native American Law "Lawyer of the Year"

- Native American Law

Christopher T. Varas (2023*)

- Trademark Law*

Roger D. Wylie (2013)

- Patent Law

WASHINGTON, D.C.**Sonia Baldia (2022)**

- Information Technology Law

Christina M. Gattuso (2018)

- Banking and Finance Law
- Financial Services Regulation Law

Catherine F. Munson (2021)

- Native American Law

Mark Riedy (2023*)

- Mergers and Acquisitions Law*

Mark L. Stember (2010)

- Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- Litigation - ERISA

Mark D. Wincek (2005)

- Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- Health Care Law

WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA**Alton L. Absher III (2022)**

- Litigation - Intellectual Property
- Litigation - Patent*

John C. Alemanni (2018)

- Patent Law

Stephen R. Berlin (2001)

2023 Triad Litigation – Environmental “Lawyer of the Year”

- Environmental Law
- Litigation - Environmental

Susan H. Boyles (2007)

2023 Triad Insurance Law “Lawyer of the Year”

- Commercial Litigation
- Insurance Law
- Litigation - Banking and Finance
- Litigation - Insurance
- Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants

Mark D. Boynton (2012)

- Construction Law
- Litigation - Construction

William M. Bryner (2011)

- Franchise Law
- Litigation - Intellectual Property
- Trademark Law

Charles W. Calkins (2007)

2023 Triad Patent Law “Lawyer of the Year”

- Biotechnology and Life Sciences Practice
- Litigation - Intellectual Property
- Litigation - Patent
- Patent Law

Adam H. Charnes (2008)

- Appellate Practice
- Commercial Litigation
- Litigation - First Amendment
- Product Liability Litigation - Defendants

Matias Ferrario (2018)

- Litigation - Intellectual Property
- Litigation - Patent

Steven Gardner (2007)

- Litigation - Intellectual Property
- Litigation - Patent
- Patent Law

Chad D. Hansen (2019)

- Commercial Litigation
- Health Care Law

G. William Joyner III (2013)

2023 Triad Mergers and Acquisitions Law "Lawyer of the Year"

- Corporate Compliance Law
- Corporate Law
- Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Securities / Capital Markets Law
- Securities Regulation
- Venture Capital Law

Richard J. Keshian (2005)

2023 Triad Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions - Defendants "Lawyer of the Year"

- Commercial Litigation
- Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law
- Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions - Defendants
- Product Liability Litigation - Defendants

George L. Little, Jr. (1993)

- Antitrust Law
- Commercial Litigation
- Litigation - Intellectual Property
- Trademark Law

Charles F. McDowell IV (2023*)

- Government Relations Practice*

Laura C. Miller (2021)

- Advertising Law*
- Copyright Law*
- Litigation - Intellectual Property*
- Trademark Law

Michael A. Myers (2016)

- Banking and Finance Law
- Commercial Transactions / UCC Law
- Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Real Estate Law

Tiffani D. Otey (2018)

- Trademark Law

Julie Barker Pape (2018)

- Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law

N. Dean Powell Jr. (2023*)

- Patent Law*

Cynthia B. Rothschild (2015)

- Biotechnology and Life Sciences Practice
- Patent Law

Jeffrey T. Skinner (2021)

- Financial Services Regulation Law*
- Securities / Capital Markets Law
- Securities Regulation*

Jason M. Wenker (2019)

- Commercial Litigation
- Technology Law

(Year) — First year the lawyer was listed in any practice area.

(*) — Newly listed in practice area in 2023 edition.

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