

# Kilpatrick Townsend Earns Record-Breaking Recognition in 2024 Edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*<sup>®</sup>

***Kilpatrick Townsend Named the “Top Listed” Firm Nationally for Trademark Law for 11<sup>th</sup> Consecutive Year in Addition to Information Technology Law and IT Outsourcing Law.***

**ATLANTA (August 17) – Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton** announced today that a record-breaking total of **264** Kilpatrick Townsend attorneys have recently been honored by their peers in the 2024 editions of **The Best Lawyers in America<sup>®</sup>** and **Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America**. To view the **75** Kilpatrick Townsend attorneys recognized as Ones to Watch, please visit the separate press release located [here](#).

Highlights from the 2024 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 **11<sup>th</sup> 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, and IT Outsourcing Law**.
- Kilpatrick Townsend was the **“Top-Listed” firm in Georgia** for 8 practice areas, including: **Biotechnology and Life Sciences Practice, Corporate Compliance Law, IT Outsourcing Law, Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law, Litigation-Intellectual Property, Patent Law, Technology Law, and Trademark Law**.
- Kilpatrick Townsend was the **“Top-Listed” firm** in 11 practice areas between the Atlanta and Winston-Salem Metropolitan Regions.
- The firm had **12** 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 2024 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 2024.

The **189** 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

**Hayley R. Ambler (2019)**

- Construction Law
- Litigation – Construction

**Olivia Maria Baratta (2016)**

- Litigation - Intellectual Property
- Trademark Law

**Louis Barbieri III (2017)**

**2024 Atlanta Venture Capital Law “Lawyer of the Year”**

- Corporate Law
- Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Venture Capital Law

**W. Benjamin Barkley (2009)**

- 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
- Corporate Law
- Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law

**Colin M. Bernardino (2020)**

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

**Thomas J. Biafore (2008)**

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

**James F. Bogan III (2009)**

- Appellate Practice
- Commercial Litigation
- Litigation - Intellectual Property
- Product Liability Litigation - Defendants
- Technology Law

**Michael J. Breslin (\*)**

- Technology Law

**William H. Brewster (1997)**

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

**Brent W. Brougher (2020)**

- Commercial Litigation
- Insurance Law
- Litigation – Insurance

**Joel D. Bush (2017)**

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

**Christopher P. Bussert (2007)**

- Franchise Law
- Litigation - Intellectual Property
- Trademark Law

**Christopher M. Caiaccio (2023)**

- Employment Law - Management
- Litigation - Labor and Employment

**Tamara S. Caldas (\*)**

- Immigration Law

**S. Joel Cartee (2013)**

- Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships)
- Communications Law
- Mergers and Acquisitions Law

**Thomas H. Christopher (2010)**

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

**Richard Cicchillo, Jr. (2007)**

- Corporate 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)**

**2024 Atlanta First Amendment Law “Lawyer of the Year”**

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

**Michael J. “Mick” Cochran (2013)**

- Banking and Finance Law
- Bankruptcy and Creditor 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)**

- IT Outsourcing Law

**Brian G. Corgan (2006)**

- Construction Law
- Litigation – Construction

**Theodore H. Davis Jr. (2008)**

**2024 Atlanta Trademark Law “Lawyer of the Year”**

- Litigation - Intellectual Property
- Trademark Law

**William E. Dorris (2006)**

- Construction Law
- Litigation – Construction

**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

**Jeffrey H. Fisher (\*)**

- Technology Law

**Lynn E. Fowler (2011)**

- Litigation and Controversy - Tax
- Tax Law

**Lesli Gaither (\*)**

- Communications Law

**Joshua S. Ganz (2020)**

**2024 Atlanta Commercial Transactions/UCC Law “Lawyer of the Year”**

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

**C. Allen Garrett, Jr. (2017)**

- Appellate Practice
- Commercial Litigation
- Technology Law

**Douglas W. Gilfillan (2020)**

- Criminal Defense: White-Collar
- Privacy and Data Security Law

**Randall F. Hafer (2003)**

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

**R. Charles Henn Jr. (2010)**

**2024 Atlanta Advertising Law “Lawyer of the Year”**

- 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
- Trademark Law

**Stephen E. Hudson (2013)**

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

**Christine P. James (2017)**

- Trademark Law

**John P. Jett (2021)**

- Commercial Litigation
- Litigation - Intellectual Property

**Daniel Johnson (\*)**

- Construction Law

**Alicia Grahn Jones (2020)**

- Trademark Law

**Vaibhav P. Kadaba (2010)**

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

**M. Andrew Kauss (2006)**

- Real Estate Law

**Thomas Kesler (\*)**

- Mergers and Acquisitions Law

**Russell A. Korn (2019)**

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

**Julie Lierly (2023)**

- Commercial Litigation
- Insurance Law
- Litigation – Insurance

**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)**

- 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

**Jon Neiditz (2015)**

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

**Jennifer O'Connor (2018)**

*2024 Atlanta Securitization and Structured Finance Law “Lawyer of the Year”*

- 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

**Gautam Y Reddy (\*)**

- Construction Law

**David A. Reed (\*)**

- Litigation - Intellectual Property

**Keith L. Richardson (2017)**

- Construction Law
- Litigation – Construction

**Susan H. Richardson (2006)**

- Environmental Law
- Litigation - Environmental
- Water Law

**Paul M. Rosenblatt (\*)**

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

**Dean W. Russell (1997)**

- Patent Law

**Jennifer Stobie Schumacher (2009)**

- Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law

**Lynn S. Scott (2021)**

- Biotechnology and Life Sciences Practice
- 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
- Litigation - Trusts and Estates
- Product Liability Litigation – Defendants

**John F. 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)**

**2024 Atlanta Corporate Compliance Law “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)**

- Litigation - Intellectual Property
- Litigation – Patent

**Daniel B. Swaja (2018)**

- Construction Law

**Virginia S. Taylor (1991)**

- 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
- Information Technology 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)**

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

**Kathryn H. Wade (2010)**

- Biotechnology and Life Sciences Practice

**J. Henry Walker IV (2013)**

- 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)**

- 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 Wagman 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**

### **Stuart C. Atwell (\*)**

- Commercial Litigation

### **S. Wesley Butler (\*)**

- Arbitration

### **Kirk T. Florence (2023)**

- Commercial Litigation
- Product Liability Litigation – Defendants

### **Jenny L. Gruber (2023)**

- Real Estate Law

### **Christin Jones (\*)**

- Banking and Finance Law

### **Craig A. McDougal (\*)**

- Litigation - Labor and Employment

### **Cole B. Ramey (2021)**

- Commercial Litigation
- Litigation - Intellectual Property

**Jason P. Steed (2020)**

- Appellate Practice

**James D. Steinberg (2001)**

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

**Timothy E. Taylor**

- Commercial Litigation

**Maeghan E. Whitehead (\*)**

- Litigation - Intellectual Property

**W. Alan Wright (2013)**

- Commercial Litigation

**DENVER, COLORADO**

**Eugene J. Bernard (2016)**

- Patent Law

**Darin J. Gibby (2013)**

- Patent Law

**Charles W. Gray (2023)**

- Patent Law

**Justin L. Krieger (\*)**

- Patent Law

**Kristopher L. Reed (2017)**

- Litigation - Intellectual Property
- Litigation – Patent

**HOUSTON, TEXAS**

**Patrick E. Gaas (2010)**

- Construction Law
- Litigation – Construction

**Brian Gaudet (\*)**

- Construction Law
- Litigation – Construction

**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

### **Dennis L. Wilson (\*)**

- Media Law

## **MENLO PARK, CALIFORNIA**

### **Jon Michaelson (2018)**

- Commercial Litigation

### **Vince Parrett (2023)**

- Commercial Litigation

### **Susan M. Spaeth (2013)**

- Litigation – Patent

## **NEW YORK, NEW YORK**

### **Barry M. Benjamin (2011)**

- Advertising Law
- Trademark Law

### **Marc A. Lieberstein (2020)**

- Copyright Law
- Franchise Law

### **J. David Mayberry (2018)**

- Franchise Law
- Litigation - Intellectual Property

### **Georges Nahitchevansky (\*)**

- 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

## **RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA**

### **F. Daniel Bell III (\*)**

- Financial Services Regulation Law

### **Brian R. Brown (\*)**

- Corporate Law

### **Joseph S. Dowdy (2018)**

- Commercial Litigation
- Litigation - Banking and Finance

### **Brodie D. Erwin (2023)**

- Employment Law - Management
- Litigation - Labor and Employment

### **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)**

- Biotechnology and Life Sciences Practice

### **John C. Livingston (2021)**

- Real Estate Law

### **Alan H. McConnell (2006)**

- Commercial Litigation
- Environmental Law
- Litigation – Environmental

### **R. Sterling Perkinson (\*)**

- Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law

### **B. Ford Robertson (2016)**

- Real Estate Law

### **Carl E. Sanders (2021)**

- Patent Law

### **Martha L. Sewell (2013)**

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

### **Clay C. Wheeler (2016)**

- Litigation – Securities

## **SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA**

### **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

### **Michele D. Floyd (2021)**

- Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions – Defendants

### **Paul C. Haughey (2016)**

- Patent Law

### **John A. Hughes (\*)**

- Litigation - Intellectual Property
- Trademark Law

### **April Abele Isaacson (\*)**

- Biotechnology and Life Sciences Practice

### **Anthony J. Malutta (2020)**

- Trademark Law

### **Steven D. Moore (2018)**

- Litigation - Intellectual Property
- Litigation – Patent

### **Evan S. Nadel (\*)**

- Commercial Litigation

## **SEATTLE, WASHINGTON**

### **Jesse S. Bennett (\*)**

- Patent Law

### **Dario A. Machleidt (\*)**

- Litigation - Intellectual Property
- Litigation – Patent

**John R. Neeleman (2021)**

- Commercial Litigation
- Professional Malpractice Law – Defendants

**Gwendolyn C. Payton (2023)**

- Commercial Litigation

**Rob Roy Edward Stuart Smith (2013)**

- Native American Law

**Christopher T. Varas (2023)**

- Copyright Law
- 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 J. 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)**

- Litigation - Intellectual Property
- Patent Law

**Stephen R. Berlin (2001)**

***2024 Triad Environmental Law “Lawyer of the Year”***

- Environmental Law
- Litigation – Environmental

**Susan H. Boyles (2007)**

- 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)**

***2024 Triad Litigation – Patent “Lawyer of the Year”***

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

**Adam H. Charnes (2008)**

***2024 Triad Litigation – First Amendment “Lawyer of the Year”***

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

**Matias Ferrario (2018)**

- Litigation - Intellectual Property
- Litigation – Patent

**Steven Gardner (2007)**

***2024 Patent Law “Lawyer of the Year”***

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

**Chad D. Hansen (2019)**

- Commercial Litigation
- Health Care Law



**G. William Joyner III (2013)**

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

**Richard J. Keshian (2005)**

***2024 Triad Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law “Lawyer of the Year”***

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

**Charles F. McDowell IV (2023)**

- Government Relations Practice

**John P. McNames (2018)**

- Real Estate Law

**Laura C. Miller (2021)**

- 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

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

( \* ) — Newly listed in practice area in 2024 edition.

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