



122 Kilpatrick Attorneys Recognized in 2026 Edition of *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America*

ATLANTA (August 21) – Kilpatrick announced today that **122** Kilpatrick attorneys have been honored by their peers in the 2026 edition of *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America*. This prestigious award highlights the strength of the Firm’s next generation of talent.

To learn about the **189** Kilpatrick attorneys selected in the 2026 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America®*, please visit our [separate press release](#).

Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch recognizes associates and other attorneys who are earlier in their careers for their outstanding professional excellence in private practice in the United States. Attorneys are divided by geographic region and practice areas. They are reviewed by their peers on the basis of professional expertise and undergo an authentication process to make sure they are in current practice and in good standing.

Highlights from the 2026 edition include:

- Kilpatrick was the “**Top Listed**” firm in the United States for the total number of attorneys listed for Venture Capital Law.
- Kilpatrick was the “**Top-Listed**” firm in Georgia for Intellectual Property Law, Litigation-Construction, and Patent Law. Kilpatrick was also “Top Listed” in North Carolina for Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships) and for Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law. Kilpatrick was the “**Top Listed**” firm in Colorado for Patent Law and “**Top Listed**” in Illinois for Venture Capital Law.
- Kilpatrick was the “**Top-Listed**” firm in 11 practice areas between the Atlanta, Chicago, Denver, and Winston-Salem Metropolitan Regions.

The year in parentheses indicates the first-year attorneys were recognized by *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*. An asterisk indicates a new practice area an attorney is recognized for in 2026.

The Kilpatrick attorneys recognized in the 2026 edition include:

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Kristin M. Adams (2022)

- Intellectual Property Law

Janay S. Alexander (*)

- Commercial Litigation

Kurtis G. Anderson (*)

- Commercial Litigation

Wade H. Barron (*)

- Commercial Litigation

Stephanie N. Bedard (2021)

- Commercial Litigation

Lauren Brenner (2021)

- Intellectual Property Law
- Litigation - Intellectual Property

John M. Brigagliano (2024)

- Privacy and Data Security Law
- Technology Law

Destiny Burch (2024)

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

Ava Conger (2021)

- Commercial Litigation
- Criminal Defense: White-Collar

Jeffrey S. Connell (2023)

- Corporate Law
- Technology Law

Jennifer Cotton (*)

- Commercial Litigation

Courtney Dabbieri (2022)

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

Kathryn C. Ederle (2024)

- Commercial Litigation

Preston Ehlers (2023)

- Construction Law
- Government Relations Practice
- Litigation - Construction

Daniel Englander (*)

- Intellectual Property Law

Edwin Garrison (*)

- Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- Real Estate Law
- Securities / Capital Markets Law

Kristen P. Green (*)

- Commercial Litigation

Anthony Guebert (*)

- Patent Law

Jennifer Huber (2024)

- Mergers and Acquisitions Law

Cameron P. Keen (*)

- Construction Law
- Litigation - Construction

Katherine Klein (2024)

- Construction Law
- Criminal Defense: White-Collar
- Litigation - Construction

Katherine Kubik (*)

- Technology Law

Parker A. Lewton (*)

- Construction Law
- Litigation - Construction

Nathalie S. Machado (2022)

- Corporate Law
- Mergers and Acquisitions Law

Patrick McShane (2024)

- Environmental Law
- Litigation - Environmental

Bethany Nelson (*)

- Intellectual Property Law
- Litigation - Intellectual Property

Elena Polovnikova (*)

- Intellectual Property Law
- Life Sciences Practice
- Patent Law

Bennett Richardson (2024)

- Commercial Litigation

Sabrina Rodrigues (2024)

- Mergers and Acquisitions Law

K. Bradford Sears (*)

- Commercial Litigation

Aditya Shrivastava (2024)

- Construction Law
- Criminal Defense: White-Collar
- Litigation - Construction

Will Sparkman (*)

- Patent Law

Tiffany Thomas (*)

- Intellectual Property Law
- Patent Law

Kathryn J. Trent (2024)

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

Bradley A. Verona (*)

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

Destiny Williams (*)

- Commercial Litigation

Soojin Yoon (2024)

- Real Estate Law

CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

Mikail O. Clark (2021)

- Corporate Law

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Kynat Akram (*)

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

Elise Anderson (2023)

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

Tatum Andres (*)

- Commercial Litigation

Caitlyn Bunker (*)

- Trusts and Estates

Geoffrey Curley (*)

- Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law
- Corporate Law
- Mergers and Acquisitions Law

Blaise M. Danly (*)

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

Nikita Desai (2024)

- Commercial Litigation

Joseph Franke (*)

- Commercial Litigation

Alyssa Friedman (*)

- Commercial Litigation

Eric M. Hampton (*)

- Real Estate Law

Alyssa Jordan Karpinski (2023)

- Elder Law
- Litigation - Trusts and Estates
- Trusts and Estates

Ryan T. Kelley (2024)

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

Maxwell A. Kling (2024)

- Commercial Litigation

Kylan S. J. Memminger (*)

- Litigation and Controversy - Tax
- Tax Law

Shannon Bauer Miloch (2024)

- Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law
- Trusts and Estates

Victoria Mpistolarides (*)

- Commercial Litigation

Payal Patel (*)

- Banking and Finance Law
- Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships)
- Corporate Governance and Compliance Law
- Corporate Law
- Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law
- Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Venture Capital Law

Lauren E. Pierotti (2024)

- Corporate Governance and Compliance Law
- Corporate Law
- Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Technology Law

Claudia A. Suszczynska (*)

- Closely Held Companies and Family Businesses Law
- Corporate Law
- Mergers and Acquisitions Law

Dante Wen (*)

- Commercial Litigation

DALLAS, TEXAS

John D. Robinson (*)

- Commercial Litigation

Zoe P. Stendara (*)

- Commercial Litigation

DENVER, COLORADO

Matthew B. Crookston (2025)

- Intellectual Property Law
- Patent Law

Alexa Hunter (2025)

- Patent Law

Brett L. Mellor (2025)

- Patent Law

Troy Petersen (2025)

- Life Sciences Practice
- Patent Law

Alee Soleimanpour (2021)

- Tax Law

Torrey D. Spink (2025)

- Patent Law

HOUSTON, TEXAS

Mauricio Escobar (2022)

- Construction Law
- Criminal Defense: White-Collar
- Litigation - Construction

John Guitierrez (*)

- Construction Law
- Litigation - Construction

Courtney M. Lynch (2022)

- Construction Law
- Litigation - Construction

Nicholas J. Nieto (2021)

- Construction Law
- Litigation - Construction

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Brittany Kandela (2025)

- Intellectual Property Law

Rosalyn Kautz (2025)

- Intellectual Property Law

MENLO PARK, CALIFORNIA

Yifan Mao (2025)

- Patent Law

Matthew J. Meyer (2025)

- Intellectual Property Law
- Litigation - Patent

NEW YORK

Sara K. Stadler (*)

- Intellectual Property Law

Robin L. Warren (2023)

- Intellectual Property Law
- Litigation - Intellectual Property

Andrew T. Williamson (2023)

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

Bryan J. Wolin (*)

- Intellectual Property Law
- Litigation - Intellectual Property

Sahil Yadav (2021)

- Intellectual Property Law
- Litigation - Intellectual Property

Shuang Yu (*)

- Intellectual Property Law

RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

Sarah Beth Barnes (2021)

- Corporate Law
- Mergers and Acquisitions Law

Laura E. Burkett (*)

- Real Estate Law

Kayla Frederickson (2024)

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

Joseph B. Gadberry (*)

- Commercial Litigation

Zachary S. Kelton (*)

- Patent Law

Dennis Richard Self (*)

- Commercial Litigation

Sarah J. Spangenburg (2024)

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

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

Ruthleen E. Uy (2025)

- Patent Law

Xiao Jing Diego Wu Min (2025)

- Commercial Litigation

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

Ryu Fukuyama (2025)

- Mergers and Acquisitions Law

Rishi Gupta (2025)

- Litigation - Patent

Lidia Lopez (2025)

- Intellectual Property Law

Kevin L. Quan (*)

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

Calla E. Yee (2025)

- Intellectual Property Law

John Matthew Zigmant (2025)

- Intellectual Property Law
- Patent Law

PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Sean P. Donlan (*)

- Commercial Litigation

Alexander Mallory (*)

- Native American Law

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Eben D. Allen (2021)

- Intellectual Property Law
- Patent Law

Derek Red Arrow Frank (2023)

- Commercial Litigation
- Native American Law

Mika Ito Ph.D. (2024)

- Intellectual Property Law

Cindy Rickett (*)

- Patent Law

Rachel B. Saimons (2021)

- Labor and Employment Law - Management
- Litigation - Labor and Employment
- Native American Law

WALNUT CREEK, CALIFORNIA

Vanessa Bell (2025)

- Intellectual Property Law
- Patent Law

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Megan Casturo (*)

- Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law

Peter Daines (2025)

- Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law

Ashley M. Edmonds (2025)

- Intellectual Property Law
- Technology Law

Ryan Fox (2025)

- Intellectual Property Law

Anthony D. Glosson (2025)

- Privacy and Data Security Law
- Technology Law

Christopher Thomas (2024)

- Intellectual Property Law
- Patent Law

Isabel Triana (2025)

- Intellectual Property Law

WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA

Thomas Cain (2024)

- Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships)
- Corporate Governance and Compliance Law
- Corporate Law
- Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law
- Securities Regulation
- Venture Capital Law

Preston A. Chaffee (*)

- Commercial Litigation

Lauren B. Emanuel (2024)

- Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships)
- Corporate Governance and Compliance Law
- Corporate Law
- Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law
- Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Securities Regulation
- Venture Capital Law

Kyleigh E. Feehs (*)

- Commercial Litigation

Alexandra Fenno (*)

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

Michael A. Grace, Jr. (2023)

- Banking and Finance Law
- Corporate Law
- Mergers and Acquisitions Law

Whitney Pakalka (2024)

- Commercial Litigation

Andrew W. Rinehart (*)

- Litigation - Patent

Skyler D. Shields (*)

- Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships)
- Corporate Law
- Financial Services Regulation Law
- Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law
- Securities / Capital Markets Law
- Securities Regulation
- Venture Capital Law

Chelsea Simon (*)

- Commercial Litigation

Chase H. Stevens (*)

- Commercial Litigation

Benjamin C. Williams (2024)

- Real Estate Law

Benjamin Woessner (*)

- Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships)
- Corporate Law
- Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law
- Securities Regulation
- Venture Capital Law

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

(*) — Newly listed in practice area in 2026 edition.

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