

Kilpatrick Attorneys Once Again Earn Outstanding Recognitions in 2027 Edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*®

Kilpatrick Named the “Top Listed” Firm Nationally for Trademark Law (14th Consecutive Year)

ATLANTA (August 20) – Kilpatrick announced today that **281** attorneys have been honored by their peers in the 2027 editions of *The Best Lawyers in America*® and *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*® in America.

To learn about the **112** Kilpatrick attorneys recognized as **Ones to Watch**, please visit our [separate press release](#).

Highlights from the 2027 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* include:

- Kilpatrick is the **“Top-Listed”** firm in the United States for the total number of attorneys listed for Trademark Law. This is the **14th consecutive year** the Firm has earned this prestigious recognition.
- Kilpatrick was the **“Top-Listed”** firm in Georgia for eight practice areas, including: Corporate Governance Law, Information Technology Law, Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law, Litigation - Intellectual Property, Patent Law, Securities Regulation, Technology Law, Trademark Law.
- Kilpatrick was the **“Top-Listed”** firm in 10 practice areas between the Atlanta and Winston-Salem Metropolitan Regions.
- There were **13** Kilpatrick attorneys who earned **“Lawyer of the Year”** recognitions 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 2027 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 2027.

The **169** Kilpatrick attorneys recognized in this edition of *Best Lawyers* include:

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

John Alden (2019)

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

Hayley Ambler (2019)

- Construction Law
- Litigation - Construction

Olivia Maria Baratta (2016)

- Litigation - Intellectual Property
- Trademark Law

Louis Barbieri III (2017)

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

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 Baxter (2023)

- Banking and Finance Law
- Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law
- Commercial Finance Law
- Commercial Transactions / UCC Law
- Corporate Law
- Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law
- Mergers and Acquisitions Law

Colin Bernardino (2020)

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

Thomas Biafore (2008)

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

James Bogan III (2009)

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

Lauren Brenner (*)

- Litigation - Intellectual Property

Michael Breslin (2024)

- Artificial Intelligence Law
- Technology Law

Brent Brougher (2020)

- Commercial Litigation
- Insurance Law

Joel Bush (2017)

- Commercial Litigation
- Information Technology Law
- Litigation - Banking and Finance
- Litigation - Intellectual Property
- Technology Law
- Trade Secrets Law (*)

Christopher Bussert (2007)

- Franchise Law
- Litigation - Intellectual Property
- Trademark Law

Christopher Caiaccio (2023)

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

Tamara Caldas (2024)

- Civil Rights Law
- Immigration Law

Edgar Callaway (2025)

- Corporate Law

Joel Cartee (2013)

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

Nicki Chollet (2026)

- Entertainment Law - Motion Pictures and Television (*)
- Litigation - Intellectual Property

Richard Cicchillo (2007)

- Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships)
- Corporate Governance Law
- Corporate Law
- International Mergers and Acquisitions (*)
- Mergers and Acquisitions Law

Thomas Clyde (2006) – 2027 Atlanta Media Law "Lawyer of the Year"

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

Michael “Mick” 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
- Venture Capital Law

Brian Corgan (2006)

- Construction Law
- Litigation - Construction

Theodore H. Davis Jr. (2008)

- Litigation - Intellectual Property
- Trademark Law

Isabelle Dinerman (2025)

- Securities / Capital Markets Law
- Securities Regulation

Kelsey Donnalley (2026)

- Mergers and Acquisitions Law

David Eaton (2013) – 2027 Atlanta Securities Regulation "Lawyer of the Year"

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

Daniel Englander (*)

- Litigation - Intellectual Property

Meghan Farmer (2025)

- Privacy and Data Security Law (*)
- Technology Law

Jeffrey Fisher (2024)

- Technology Law

Lesli Gaither (2024)

- Communications Law

Joshua Ganz (2020) – *2027 Atlanta Information Technology Law "Lawyer of the Year"*

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

C. Allen Garrett, Jr. (2017) – *2027 Atlanta Technology Law "Lawyer of the Year"*

- Appellate Practice
- Commercial Litigation
- Technology Law

Richard Goldstucker (*)

- Litigation - Intellectual Property

Justin Heineman (2010)

- Corporate Governance Law
- Corporate Law (*)
- Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Securities Regulation

R. Charles Henn Jr. (2010)

- Advertising Law
- Litigation - Intellectual Property
- Trademark Law

Sarah Holland (*)

- Litigation - Intellectual Property

Clay Holloway (2021)

- Litigation - Intellectual Property
- Litigation - Patent

Brenda Holmes (2011)

- Patent Law

Charles Hooker III (2023)

- Copyright Law
- Litigation - Intellectual Property
- Trademark Law

Stephen Hudson (2013)

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

Christine James (2017)

- Trademark Law

John Jett (2021)

- Commercial Litigation
- Franchise Law
- Litigation - Intellectual Property
- Technology Law

Daniel Johnson (2024)

- Construction Law

Alicia Grahn Jones (2020)

- Trademark Law

Wab Kadaba (2010) – 2027 Atlanta Litigation - Intellectual Property "Lawyer of the Year"

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

Andrew Kauss (2006)

- Real Estate Law

Thomas Kesler (2024)

- Corporate Law
- Mergers and Acquisitions Law

Russell Korn (2019)

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

Julie Lierly (2023)

- Commercial Litigation
- Insurance Law
- Litigation - Insurance
- Product Liability Litigation - Defendants

Tywanda Harris Lord (2015)

- Litigation - Intellectual Property
- Trademark Law

Alfred Lurey (1983)

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

Lee Mann III (2013)

- Construction Law
- Litigation - Construction

Lance McCord (2023)

- IT Outsourcing Law
- Information Technology Law

George Murphy (2012)

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

Susan Pangborn (2018)

- Employment Law - Management
- Litigation - Labor and Employment

Michael Pavento (2026)

- Patent Law

Leah Petersen (2026)

- Banking and Finance Law

William R. Poplin, Jr. (2009)

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

Betsy Quinn (2025)

- Real Estate Law

Michael Rafter (2007)

- Advertising Law
- Trademark Law

Lauren Sullins Ralls (2023)

- Trademark Law

Gautam Reddy (2024)

- Construction Law
- Litigation - Construction

David Reed (2024) – *2027 Atlanta Litigation - Patent "Lawyer of the Year"*

- Litigation - Intellectual Property
- Litigation - Patent

Keith Richardson (2017)

- Construction Law
- Litigation - Construction

Susan Richardson (2006)

- Environmental Law
- Litigation - Environmental
- Water Law

Paul Rosenblatt (2024)

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

Jennifer Stobie Schumacher (2009)

- Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law

Robert Shaw (2023)

- Banking and Finance Law
- Commercial Finance Law

Gary R. Sheehan Jr. (2013)

- Environmental Law
- Litigation - Environmental
- Water Law

Burleigh Singleton (2018)

- Commercial Litigation
- Construction Law
- Litigation - Construction
- Litigation - Trusts and Estates
- Product Liability Litigation - Defendants

Mitchell Stockwell (2008)

- Litigation - Intellectual Property
- Litigation - Patent

Daniel Swaja (2018)

- Construction Law
- Litigation – Construction

James Trigg (2010)

- Artificial Intelligence Law
- Copyright Law
- Entertainment Law - Music
- Litigation - Intellectual Property
- Media Law
- Trademark Law

Michael Turton (2023)

- Litigation - Intellectual Property
- Litigation - Patent
- Patent Law (*)

Michael Tyler (2013)

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

Kathryn Wade (2010)

- Biotechnology and Life Sciences Practice
- Patent Law

Renaë Wainwright (2026)

- Patent Law

J. Henry Walker IV (2013)

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

AUGUSTA, GEORGIA**Joseph Huff (2012) – 2027 Augusta-GA Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants "Lawyer of the Year"**

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

Mark Reeves (2020)

- Commercial Litigation
- Native American Law

CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

C. Todd Burbank (2016)

- Real Estate Law

Lois Wagman Colbert (2013)

- Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Jeralyn Baran (2025)

- Employment Law - Management

Keith Berk (2024)

- Corporate Law

Nathan Delman (*)

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

Jordan Goodman (2023)

- Tax Law

Jeffrey Hechtman (2022)

- Corporate Law

Richard Horwood (2008)

- Litigation - Trusts and Estates
- Trusts and Estates

James Jerue (*)

- Corporate Law

Eric Rein (2020)

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

David Ruskin (2025)

- Commercial Litigation

Jeffrey Zaluda (2010)

- Family Law
- Litigation - Trusts and Estates (*)
- Trusts and Estates

DALLAS, TEXAS

Stuart Atwell (2024)

- Commercial Litigation
- Product Liability Litigation - Defendants (*)

Kirk Florence (2023)

- Commercial Litigation
- Insurance Law (*)
- Product Liability Litigation - Defendants

Jenny Gruber (2023)

- Banking and Finance Law (*)
- Real Estate Law

Christin Jones (2024)

- Banking and Finance Law

Craig McDougal (2024)

- Arbitration
- Litigation - Labor and Employment

Cole Ramey (2021)

- Arbitration
- Commercial Litigation
- Litigation - Intellectual Property

Timothy Taylor (2024)

- Commercial Litigation

Maeghan Whitehead (2024)

- Litigation - Intellectual Property

Alan Wright (2013)

- Commercial Litigation

DENVER, COLORADO

Betsy Bengtson (2025)

- Trademark Law

Darin Gibby (2013)

- Patent Law

Charles Gray (2023)

- Patent Law

Justin Krieger (2024)

- Patent Law

HOUSTON, TEXAS

Sumit Arora (2025)

- Construction Law (*)
- Litigation - Construction

Steve Borgman (2025)

- Litigation - Intellectual Property
- Litigation - Patent (*)
- Patent Law (*)

Patrick Gaas (2010)

- Construction Law
- Litigation - Construction

Brian Gaudet (2024)

- Construction Law
- Litigation - Construction

Barclay Richard Nicholson (2018)

- Insurance Law

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Mark Mersel (2020)

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

Marcus Williams (2013)

- Securities / Capital Markets Law

Dennis Wilson (2024)

- Media Law

MENLO PARK, CALIFORNIA

Susan Spaeth (2013)

- Litigation - Intellectual Property
- Litigation – Patent

RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

David Fricke (2011)

- Real Estate Law

Jason Gardner (2026)

- Patent Law

Jennifer Giordano-Coltart Ph.D. (2022)

- Biotechnology and Life Sciences Practice
- Patent Law

John Livingston (2021)

- Energy Law
- Real Estate Law

Sanyam Parikh (*)

- Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law

Sterling Perkinson (2024)

- Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law

Ford Robertson (2016)

- Real Estate Law

Carl Sanders (2021)

- Patent Law

Martha Sewell (2013)

- Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law
- Health Care Law

Benjamin Smith (2025)

- Environmental Law

Thomas Steed (*)

- Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships)
- Corporate Law

Clay Wheeler (2016)

- Commercial Litigation
- Corporate Compliance Law (*)
- Litigation - Securities

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

Nancy Stagg (2008)

- Commercial Litigation
- Information Technology Law
- Litigation - Intellectual Property
- Litigation - Labor and Employment

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

Jennifer Arkowitz (*)

- Trademark Law

Michele Floyd (2021)

- Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions – Defendant

Anthony Malutta (2020)

- Trademark Law

Evan Nadel (2024)

- Commercial Litigation

Siegmar Pohl (*)

- Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships)

Mehrnaz Boroumand Smith (2023)

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

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Jesse Bennett (2024)

- Patent Law

Melissa Harwood (2022)

- Biotechnology and Life Sciences Practice
- Patent Law

Dario Machleidt (2024) – *2027 Seattle Litigation - Patent "Lawyer of the Year"*

- Litigation - Intellectual Property
- Litigation - Patent

John Neeleman (2021)

- Commercial Litigation

Gwendolyn Payton (2023)

- Commercial Litigation

John Pierce (2025)

- Energy Law
- Environmental Law

Rob Roy Edward Stuart Smith (2013)

- Native American Law

Christopher Varas (2023)

- Advertising Law
- Copyright Law
- Trademark Law

Roger Wylie (2013)

- Artificial Intelligence Law
- Patent Law

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Sonia Baldia (2022)

- Information Technology Law

John Bergin (2025)

- Mediation

Christina Gattuso (2018)

- Banking and Finance Law
- Financial Services Regulation Law

Catherine Munson (2021)

- Native American Law

WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA

Alton L. Absher III (2022) – *2027 Triad Litigation - Intellectual Property "Lawyer of the Year"*

- Litigation - Intellectual Property

Regan Adamson (2025)

- Corporate Law
- Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law
- Mergers and Acquisitions Law

Stephen Berlin (2001) – *2027 Triad Environmental Law "Lawyer of the Year"*

- Environmental Law
- Litigation - Environmental

Susan Boyles (2007) – *2027 Triad Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants "Lawyer of the Year"*

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

Mark Boynton (2012)

- Construction Law
- Litigation - Construction

William Bryner (2011)

- Franchise Law
- Litigation - Intellectual Property
- Trademark Law

Charles Calkins (2007)

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

Adam Charnes (2008)

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

Matias Ferrario (2018)

- Litigation - Intellectual Property
- Litigation - Patent

Steven Gardner (2007) – *2027 Triad Litigation - Patent "Lawyer of the Year"*

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

Dustin Greene (2026)

- Commercial Litigation

Chad Hansen (2019)

- Commercial Litigation
- Health Care Law
- Litigation - Health Care (*)
- Product Liability Litigation - Defendants (*)

G. William Joyner III (2013) – 2027 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 Keshian (2005)

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

Laura Miller (2021)

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

Michael Myers (2016)

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

Christopher Oldham (2015)

- Banking and Finance Law
- Real Estate Law

Tiffani Otey (2018)

- Trademark Law

Julie Barker Pape (2018)

- Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law

Bradley Roehrenbeck (2026)

- Commercial Litigation

Jeffrey Skinner (2021)

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

Jason Wenker (2019)

- Commercial Litigation

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

(*) — Newly listed in practice area in 2027 edition.

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About Kilpatrick

Kilpatrick is trusted counsel to the world's most innovative companies. With recognized strength in the technology sector and a full range of service offerings, we deliver practical, business-centric solutions built upon strong and enduring connections. To serve our ground-breaking clients, we strive to be at the forefront of client service and on the cutting edge of law and technology.

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