

Kilpatrick Attorneys Recognized in 2027 Edition of *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America*

Kilpatrick Named the “Top Listed” Firm Nationally for Venture Capital Law

ATLANTA (August 20) – Kilpatrick announced today that **112** attorneys have been honored by their peers in the 2027 edition of *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America*.

To learn about the **169** Kilpatrick attorneys recognized in the 2027 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America®*, please visit our [separate press release](#).

Highlights from the 2027 edition of *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch* include:

- Kilpatrick is 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 North Carolina for three practice areas, including: Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships), Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law, Securities Regulation.
- Kilpatrick was the **“Top-Listed”** firm in Illinois for two practice areas, including: Corporate Law, Venture Capital Law.
- Kilpatrick was the **“Top-Listed”** firm in Georgia for two practice areas, including: Intellectual Property Law, Patent Law.
- Kilpatrick was the **“Top-Listed”** firm in Colorado for Patent 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 2027.

The **112** Kilpatrick attorneys recognized in this edition of *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch* include:

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Kristin Adams (2022)

- Intellectual Property Law

Stephanie Bedard (2021)

- Commercial Litigation

Destiny Burch (2024)

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

Paige Clifton (*)

- Corporate Governance and Compliance Law

Jeffrey Connell (2023)

- Corporate Law
- Technology Law

Celina Cotton (*)

- Commercial Litigation

Jennifer Cotton (2025)

- Commercial Litigation

Jack DeWinter (*)

- Corporate Law
- Mergers and Acquisitions Law

Kathryn Ederle (2024)

- Commercial Litigation

Andrew Fant (*)

- Commercial Litigation

Edwin Garrison (2025)

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

Anthony Guebert (2025)

- Patent Law

Jennifer Huber (2024)

- Corporate Law (*)
- Mergers and Acquisitions Law

Saxon Kagume (*)

- Corporate Law
- Mergers and Acquisitions Law

Katherine Klein (2024)

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

Katherine Kubik (2025)

- Technology Law

Maya Langendoen (*)

- Corporate Law
- Mergers and Acquisitions Law

Brian Lewis (*)

- Corporate Governance and Compliance Law

Parker Lewton (2025)

- Construction Law
- Litigation – Construction

Nathalie Machado (2022)

- Corporate Law
- Mergers and Acquisitions Law

Patrick McShane (2024)

- Environmental Law
- Litigation - Environmental

Michael McWaters (*)

- Construction Law
- Litigation - Construction

Bethany Nelson (2025)

- Intellectual Property Law
- Litigation - Intellectual Property

Hunter Payne (*)

- Construction Law
- Litigation – Construction

Elena Polovnikova (2025)

- Intellectual Property Law
- Life Sciences Practice
- Patent Law

Bennett Richardson (2024)

- Commercial Litigation

Christopher Roberge (*)

- Intellectual Property Law

Sabrina Rodrigues (2024)

- Mergers and Acquisitions Law

Devon Sherrell (*)

- Commercial Litigation

Will Sparkman (2025)

- Patent Law

Caitlin Suarez (*)

- Corporate Law

Tiffany Thomas (2026)

- Intellectual Property Law
- Patent Law

Kathryn J. Trent (2024)

- Litigation - Labor and Employment

Bradley Verona (2025)

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

Destiny Williams (2026)

- Commercial Litigation

Catherine Zhu (*)

- Corporate Governance and Compliance Law

CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

Mikail Clark (2021)

- Corporate Law
- Mergers and Acquisitions Law (*)

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Kynat Akram (2026)

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

Elise Anderson (2023)

- Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships) (*)
- Corporate Law
- Mergers and Acquisitions Law
- Venture Capital Law

Tatum Andres (2026)

- Commercial Litigation

Blaise M. Danly (2026)

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

Nikita Desai (2024)

- Commercial Litigation

Joseph Franke (2026)

- Commercial Litigation

Alyssa Friedman (2026)

- Commercial Litigation

Ryan Kelley (2024)

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

Maxwell A. Kling (2024)

- Commercial Litigation

Hannah Koepke (*)

- Corporate Law
- Mergers and Acquisitions Law

Kylan Memminger (2025)

- Litigation and Controversy - Tax
- Tax Law

Shannon Bauer Miloch (2024)

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

Victoria Mpistolarides (2026)

- Commercial Litigation

Payal Patel (2026)

- 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 Pierotti (2024)

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

Carolina Rodriguez (2025)

- Trusts and Estates

Claudia Suszczynska (2025)

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

Datte Wen (2026)

- Commercial Litigation

DALLAS, TEXAS

Sasha Mohammad (*)

- Commercial Litigation

John Robinson (2025)

- Commercial Litigation

Zoe Stendara (2025)

- Commercial Litigation

DENVER, COLORADO

Leland Black (*)

- Patent Law

Matthew Crookston (2025)

- Intellectual Property Law
- Patent Law

Alexa Hunter (2025)

- Patent Law

Brett Mellor (2025)

- Patent Law

Troy Petersen (2025)

- Life Sciences Practice
- Patent Law

Alee Soleimanpour (2021)

- Tax Law

Torrey Spink (2025)

- Patent Law

HOUSTON, TEXAS

Mauricio Escobar (2022)

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

John Guitierrez (2026)

- Construction Law
- Litigation – Construction

Nicholas Nieto (2021)

- Construction Law
- Litigation – Construction

MENLO PARK, CALIFORNIA

Matthew J. Meyer (2025)

- Intellectual Property Law
- Litigation - Patent

NEW YORK

Justin Hsuan (*)

- Commercial Litigation

Amanda Kusnierz (2022)

- Intellectual Property Law

Sara Stadler (2025)

- Intellectual Property Law

Robin Warren (2023)

- Intellectual Property Law
- Litigation - Intellectual Property

Andrew Williamson (2023)

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

Sahil Yadav (2021)

- Intellectual Property Law
- Litigation - Intellectual Property

RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

Laura Burkett (2025)

- Real Estate Law

Joseph Gadberry (2025)

- Commercial Litigation

Zachary Kelton (2025)

- Patent Law

Dennis Richard Self (2025)

- Commercial Litigation

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

Xiao Jing Diego Wu Min (2025)

- Commercial Litigation

Kristin Strojan (*)

- Intellectual Property Law

Ruthleen E. Uy (2025)

- Patent Law

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

Rishi Gupta (2025)

- Litigation – Patent

Lidia Lopez (2025)

- Intellectual Property Law

David Polyakov (*)

- Commercial Litigation

Kevin Quan (2026)

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

John Matthew Zigmant (2025)

- Intellectual Property Law
- Patent Law

SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA

Sean Donlan (2025)

- Commercial Litigation

Alexander Mallory (2026)

- Native American Law

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Derek Red Arrow Frank (2023)

- Commercial Litigation
- Native American Law

Mika Ito (2024)

- Intellectual Property Law

Cindy Rickett (2025)

- Patent Law

WALNUT CREEK, CALIFORNIA

Vanessa Bell (2025)

- Intellectual Property Law
- Patent Law

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Megan Casturo (2026)

- Employee Benefits (ERISA) Law

Ashley Edmonds (2025)

- Intellectual Property Law
- Technology Law

Ryan Fox (2025)

- Intellectual Property Law

Anthony 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

Nicholas Acevedo (2026)

- Product Liability Litigation – Defendants

Elisabeth Briand (*)

- Commercial Litigation

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

Lauren 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 Feehs (2025)

- Commercial Litigation

Alexandra Fenno (2026)

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

Whitney Pakalka (2024)

- Commercial Litigation

Allison Reid (*)

- Commercial Litigation

Andrew Rinehart (2025)

- Litigation – Patent

Skyler Shields (2025)

- 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

Benjamin Williams (2024)

- Real Estate Law

Benjamin Woessner (2026)

- 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 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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