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40 UNDER 40

Age: 35

Hometown: Salinas, California

Residence: Alameda, California

Education: Colgate University; University of San Francisco School of Law

What does your company do? Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton is an international law firm.

What is your role? I am a partner in our Trademark & Copyright practice.

What cause are you most passionate about? Providing excellent client service. I am also very passionate about my pro bono practice, through which I work with female entrepreneurs to help create and protect their brand identities.

How would you describe your purpose or mission? Being a trusted partner is crucial for our and our clients' success. It is important that I and my colleagues are seen as reliable, dependable, and honest allies who are committed to helping our clients succeed. I am not only committed to the success of my clients and colleagues, but willing to go above and beyond to help them achieve their goals because I am just as invested in their long-term success.

What is your favorite time of day? Early morning. When it's a bit quieter and the world is waking up, I can enjoy my favorite coffee and get started on my to-do lists.

What person, experience or thing has had the biggest impact on your life, and why? My position as Research Assistant for Professor J. Thomas McCarthy. After working alongside Professor McCarthy during my final year at law school, I became enamored with trademark law.



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Partner, Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton

That interest really paved the way for my career as a trademark lawyer. I am so grateful for that experience. Professor McCarthy changed my life.

What's your favorite Bay Area restaurant and what are you ordering? East Ocean in Alameda. I am ordering my favorite dim sum.

What are you most proud of? With respect to my career, I am most proud of my elevation to Partner at Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton, the leading trademark practice in the United States. After

years of hard work and dedication, learning from the most brilliant minds and working with the most cutting-edge clients, being elevated to Partner will bring new opportunities for growth and allow me to have a greater contribution to the success of the firm and our clients.

What's your guilty pleasure? Watching TV with my favorite snacks.

Who was the coolest person in the world when you were teenager? Growing up, I thought my sister was the coolest person in the world.

First job with a paycheck? Working at the local mall in Salinas, California.

What's one common misconception about your work you wish people understood better? Some people aren't too familiar with the different types of intellectual property and might confuse trademarks with copyrights or patents. It's a common misconception, but a fun educational opportunity.

What's the most surprising thing about you? I think some people might find it surprising that I was a Division I athlete in college. I played Division I Softball for four years at Colgate University. I played center field and was the lead-off batter, and I was a switch hitter! For one season, I was even a dual athlete, participating in three events on our Winter Track team, all the while training with the softball team. I also love the outdoors. When we need a getaway my fiancé and I opt for quick backpacking or camping trips, and we also love rock climbing. During the summer, you can find me paddle boarding or kayaking around Alameda. During the week, you can find me at my favorite yoga studio.