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Six Kilpatrick Townsend Attorneys Named 2017 “Rising Stars” by Texas Super Lawyers

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DALLAS (March 22) -- Kilpatrick Townsend announced today that six attorneys from the firm's Dallas office were selected as “**Rising Stars**” by ***2017 Texas Super Lawyers***. Partners **Tamara Baggett, Wes Butler**, and **Jennifer Graf** were named in the Business Litigation category, attorney **Justin England** was named in the General Litigation category, partner **Jenny Gruber** was named in the Real Estate category, and attorney **Christin Jones** was named in the Civil Litigation: Defense category.

The Super Lawyers distinction honors attorneys who attain a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement as some of the region's pre-eminent lawyers. Super Lawyers is a rating service of lawyers from more than 70 practice areas. The selection process includes independent research, peer nominations and peer evaluations, all of which result in a comprehensive and diverse listing of the top five percent of attorneys in each state.

Tamara Baggett focuses her practice on complex commercial litigation with an emphasis on construction litigation, real estate law, unfair trade practices cases, and appellate advocacy. Ms. Baggett has extensive experience with product liability and personal injury defense. Her business litigation experience includes contract disputes, business torts, breach of fiduciary duties, officer and director liabilities, and antitrust. Ms. Baggett has also handled a range of intellectual property matters ranging from trade secret claims to licensing disputes. She was previously recognized as a “Rising Star” in 2012.

Wes Butler focuses his practice on complex commercial litigation, employment litigation and counseling and ERISA litigation. In addition, Mr. Butler has an active general litigation docket, including tort claims. He represents parties in state and federal court litigation and in arbitrations. Mr. Butler represents parties in administrative proceedings before the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the Texas Workforce Commission and other agencies. He has handled cases in the state and federal courts of Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Nebraska, New York, and Texas. Mr. Butler has been recognized as a “Rising Star” annually since 2010.

Justin England focuses his practice on complex commercial litigation. He has broad litigation experience in both state and federal courts. Mr. England is a trial lawyer who routinely appears on both sides of the docket in a diverse array of civil litigation matters including, but not limited to, cases involving commercial and complex business litigation, real estate disputes, products liability, premises liability, personal injury, and employment litigation. He has been recognized as a “Rising Star” annually since 2014.

Jenny Gruber focuses her practice on complex commercial real estate and general business transactions. She has handled a wide variety of projects for owners, developers, lenders and equity investors including acquisition, development and disposition of restaurant, retail, mixed use, multi-family, office, medical and condominium projects

nationwide; leasing of restaurant, retail, mixed use, office, medical and industrial properties; financing of major development and construction projects; acquisition of loans secured by commercial real estate and business assets from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; and work-out and modification of loans secured by commercial real estate and business assets. This is Ms. Gruber's first “Rising Star” recognition.

Jennifer Graf focuses her practice on complex commercial matters. Ms. Graf has experience in complex commercial matters, aviation, products liability, and general negligence. Previously, she practiced law in Dallas trial firms where she defended large corporations and insurance companies, as well as gaining both state and federal pretrial preparation experience. Ms. Graf has been recognized as a “Rising Star” annually since 2012.

Christin Jones focuses her practice on complex commercial litigation and appellate litigation matters. Ms. Jones has experience in civil, real estate, and commercial litigation. Previously, she worked as a prosecutor in the appellate division of the Bexar County District Attorney's office after interning for the Fourth Court of Appeals in San Antonio, Texas. Ms. Jones has been recognized as a “Rising Star” annually since 2015.

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