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Kilpatrick Townsend Adds Chemistry and Life Sciences Team in DC

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Justin Krieger, Keith Fredlake, Jeffrey Gendzwill, Rodney Rothwell, Nicoletta Kennedy and Troy Petersen Join Firm

WASHINGTON, DC (February 3) – Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton announced today the addition of a Chemistry and Life Sciences Team to its DC office. Partners **Justin Krieger**, **Keith Fredlake** and **Jeffrey Gendzwill**, along with Counsel, **Rodney Rothwell**, and Associates, **Nicoletta Kennedy** and **Troy Petersen**, have joined the firm where they bring a preeminent chemistry and life sciences IP practice and additional expertise to the firm's growing DC office.

The expansion follows the aggressive growth in the firm's DC office following high-profile additions in [Patent Litigation](#), [Energy](#), [Finance](#) and [Health Care](#) teams in 2014. Messrs. Krieger, Fredlake and Gendzwill along with Mr. Rothwell, Ms. Kennedy and Mr. Petersen join the firm from a boutique intellectual property law firm in Tysons Corner, Virginia.

"Joining Kilpatrick Townsend offers our practice and clients an international full-service platform with a solid reputation," said **Justin Krieger**. "We know that we are joining a firm that puts client service first, encourages collaboration, and serves an impressive and expanding client base that complements and supports our growing practice. We are energized to join the firm and believe our practice is a perfect fit for the firm's robust IP team."

"The Life Sciences and Chemical industries have seen considerable transformation over the years and bolstering the firm's patent practice in DC has been a strategic goal of the firm," said **Jamie Graham**, Co-Chair of Kilpatrick Townsend's Health and Life Sciences Team. "The team's rich experience in the chemical and life sciences industry and strong *Inter Partes* Review and post-grant review practice further strengthens the firm's well-respected and internationally recognized intellectual property department. We are pleased to welcome Justin, Keith, Jeffrey, Rodney, Nicoletta, and Troy to the firm."

Mr. Krieger is a registered patent attorney who focuses his practice on client counseling, district court and patent office litigation, and patent prosecution, with a technical expertise in chemistry, chemical engineering, medical devices, nanotechnology, mechanical engineering, and consumer products. He actively prepares non-infringement and validity opinions including comprehensive freedom-to-operate (FTO) analyses in the chemical, polymer, medical device, and mechanical arts from due diligence and litigation perspectives. Mr. Krieger is also involved in various trademark matters, including trademark prosecution, oppositions and negotiating co-existence agreements.

Mr. Krieger has been actively involved in numerous patent litigation matters and is experienced in litigation before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office including Interference and *Inter Partes* Review proceedings, as well as Section 337 investigations before the US International Trade Commission (ITC).

Mr. Krieger earned a Juris Doctorate from the University of Florida Levin College of Law where he was a member of the *Florida Law Review*. He received his Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from the College of William and Mary.

Mr. Fredlake is a registered patent attorney who focuses his practice on intellectual property matters, including drafting and prosecuting patent applications, primarily in the chemical and life sciences industry including chemistry, chemical engineering, medical devices and pharmaceuticals. Mr. Fredlake also works with clients on design patents. He also counsels clients on issues regarding the patentability of inventions, patent rights in foreign countries, and the infringement and validity of U.S. patents. He also works with clients on trademark portfolios and protection.

Mr. Fredlake earned a Juris Doctorate from American University where he was a member of the *American University Law Review*. He received his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Western State College of Colorado. He completed a non-degree Chemistry program at George Mason.

Mr. Gendzwill is a registered patent attorney who concentrates his practice on patent-related matters with a focus on client counseling, portfolio strategy and management, domestic and foreign patent preparation and prosecution, and enforcement primarily in the chemical and life sciences industry including chemical engineering, chemistry, nutritional/pharmaceutical supplements, mechanical and biomechanical engineering, nanotechnology, physics, composite materials and medical devices. Mr. Gendzwill also has extensive experience preparing complex patentability, invalidity, non-infringement, and freedom-to-operate opinions as well as state-of-the-art analyses. Additionally, he counsels clients on international filing strategies.

Mr. Gendzwill earned a Juris Doctorate, *magna cum laude*, from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law. He received his Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering from the University of Michigan.

Mr. Rothwell is a registered patent attorney who concentrates his practice in preparing and prosecuting patent applications in a variety of technologies including chemical, electromechanical, mechanical, and biotechnology fields. Prior to private practice, Mr. Rothwell served as an IP litigation attorney for E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company and as a Medical Technologist for Quest Diagnostics. He earned a Juris Doctorate from Widener University School of Law and received a Bachelor of Science in Medical Technology from Drexel University.

Ms. Kennedy is a registered patent attorney who focuses her practice on patent preparation, and prosecution in the chemical field. Prior to private practice, Ms. Kennedy served as a patent examiner for the USPTO, where she examined patent applications in the organic chemistry field, including polymer, pharmaceutical, transdermal, and cosmetic patent applications. She earned a Juris Doctorate from the Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law and received a Bachelor of Science, *cum laude*, in Chemistry from Randolph-Macon College.

Mr. Petersen is a registered patent attorney who focuses his practice on patent procurement and counseling, as well as patent and trade secret litigation. He has experience in a number of technical areas including chemistry, chemical engineering, materials science, medical devices and pharmaceuticals. Prior to his legal career, he was

employed at a Dow Chemical hydrocarbons plant and at a drug delivery company. Mr. Petersen earned a Juris Doctorate from Duke University School of Law, *cum laude*, where he served on the editorial board of the *Duke Law Journal*. He received his Bachelor of Science, *high distinction*, in Chemistry and Bachelor of Chemical Engineering, *high distinction*, from the University of Minnesota.

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