



Insights: Perspectives

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Six Questions with Kilpatrick Townsend Office Managing Partner Maureen Sheehy

1. How long has the firm had a presence in San Francisco?

Celebrating its 158th anniversary, Kilpatrick Townsend's San Francisco Office dates back to the 1860's Gold Rush and hails as one of the oldest offices in San Francisco and the firm's largest office on the West Coast. Kilpatrick Townsend now serves the legal needs of technology innovators and risk-takers.

2. Describe the San Francisco Office's expertise and client base?

The San Francisco Office offers a full range of intellectual property services in addition to antitrust and commercial litigation, labor and employment, and capital markets capabilities. We boast an impressive roster of clients, many in the technology space — including Oracle, Visa, Facebook, GoPro, Netflix, and JawBone to name a few. Through innovative legal strategies and exceptional client service, we've also maintained longstanding relationships with Bay Area companies, such as Levi's, Clorox, and Williams-Sonoma, and are flattered that so many companies trust us with their legal work, particularly to protect their brand and intellectual property. Recently, our win for Oracle proved particularly satisfying when the Federal Circuit upheld our motion for summary judgment in a patent infringement case brought by Thought, Inc.

3. What differentiates Kilpatrick Townsend from other firms in San Francisco?

Our deep intellectual property bench. To ensure our clients' success, we regularly seek new innovative, legal talent, and we've been fortunate to have added some over the last year and a half, including mid-level Trademark Associate **Sophy Manes**; first-year Trademark Associates **Jenny Goak**, **Lidia Lopez**, **Lexi Martinez**, and **McKenna Steere**; Trademark Team Attorney **Nina Han**; and Patent Litigation Associate **Taylor Pfingst**. Moreover, we have increased our patent bench with great hires Chemistry & Life Sciences Patent Agent **Jennifer Yao** and Patent Engineers **Jacob Hermann** and **Alex Gregor**.

4. How has the office redesign benefited productivity and collaboration?

Since completing our 2016 San Francisco Office redesign, we have received great feedback from both clients and attorneys/staff. Now that the office space more closely aligns with how our clients operate, visiting clients often **choose** to telecommute from our office for the full workday even after their scheduled client meetings end. Both attorneys and staff agree that the new open floorplan — especially the addition of glass walls — encourages a more connected, collaborative, and productive work environment, while the sit-stand desks demonstrates the firm's commitment to its attorneys' and staff's wellbeing.

5. What key initiatives does the San Francisco Office spearhead in the community?

The San Francisco Office has a long history of giving back to the community. We believe in making a positive change in the area where we work and live, and have done so through many firm- and community-sponsored activities and events. Recently, the San Francisco Office joined forces with the Silicon Valley and Walnut Creek Offices to raise over

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forces with the Silicon Valley and Walnut Creek Offices to raise over \$14,000 to support the wildfire relief efforts following the devastating North Bay fires. Together, the offices organized an auction of partner-sponsored teambuilding activities, including a sailing adventure on San Francisco Bay, a hike along the coast, wine tasting, and a karaoke event. More than 50 people placed bids on 14 different activities to raise \$6,000 with an additional firm match of \$6,000. Moreover, the San Francisco office hosted a happy hour and two breakfast fundraisers that raised an additional \$1,200 that the firm also matched.



6. As the San Francisco Office OMP, what plans do you have for 2018?

As a 14-year firm veteran, I am devoted to the growth and prosperity of the firm and the San Francisco Office. This year, we have many office goals, including deepening client relationships through more pro bono partnerships. By creating meaningful client interactions outside of day-to-day legal activities, we hope to enrich our community, while building upon the firm's strong pro bono infrastructure. Specifically, we just launched a pro bono partnership with Clorox to represent newborn babies legally surrendered at birth through the East Bay Children's Law Office, and plan to expand our partnership with Levi Strauss & Co. to make sandwiches for the homeless in honor of Levi's 5.01 Community Day.

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