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Kilpatrick Townsend Names Roger Wylie Managing Partner

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ATLANTA (May 7) – Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton announced today that it has named **Roger Wylie** the firm's new Managing Partner. **Susan Spaeth**, who has served as the firm's Managing Partner since 2013, will become Kilpatrick Townsend's Chief Legal Officer and remain a member of the firm's Management Committee. **Henry Walker** will continue to serve as the Chair and Chief Executive Officer of the firm.

"I am genuinely honored and humbled by the opportunity to serve a firm that has been such a significant part of my legal career," said Mr. Wylie. "I am deeply committed to working closely with our Chair, Henry Walker, and other firm leadership as we continue the 160-year legacy of delivering exceptional client service."

Mr. Wylie assumes his new role after serving as Managing Partner of Kilpatrick Townsend's growing Seattle office and as a member of the firm's Executive Committee. He was also Co-Managing Partner of Townsend and Townsend and Crew prior to its merger with Kilpatrick Townsend. Mr. Wylie focuses his practice on patent prosecution and counseling, and advises start-up and established corporations, venture investors and other intellectual property stakeholders with regard to all aspects of patent prosecution and acquisition, counseling, licensing, and litigation.

Mr. Wylie has been named by *Washington Super Lawyers* for Intellectual Property every year since 2008. He was recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Patent Law in 2019 and the six years immediately preceding. Mr. Wylie is listed in the 2017 through 2019 editions of *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* in the area of Intellectual Property. He was named a top patent practitioner in 2018 and the four years immediately preceding by *IAM Patent 1000 – The World's Leading Patent Practitioners*.

"In addition to being an excellent lawyer, Roger is a talented leader with exceptional people skills. I am confident that he will do a great job as Managing Partner and help the firm continue to grow and succeed," said Henry Walker, Chair of Kilpatrick Townsend. "Roger also has deep roots at the firm and his extensive knowledge should make the transition seamless."

Mr. Walker continued, "I want to thank Susan for the exceptional job she has done as our Managing Partner. We were truly fortunate to have such a talented, tireless, and dedicated Managing Partner. She will continue to serve an important leadership role as our Chief Legal Officer and a member of our Management Committee."

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