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Kilpatrick Townsend Grows Native American Affairs Practice in Washington, D.C.

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Firm Adds Venus M. Prince

WASHINGTON, D.C. (September 30) – Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton announced today the addition of **Venus Prince** to the firm's Washington, D.C. office. Ms. Prince, formerly the Deputy Solicitor for Indian Affairs at the United States Department of Interior, joins the firm as Counsel on the Native American Affairs Team in the firm's Litigation Department.

"Venus is an outstanding addition to the firm's Native American Affairs Team and the Washington, D.C. office," said **Catherine Munson**, Managing Partner of the firm's Washington, D.C. office and Co-Chair of Kilpatrick Townsend's Native American Affairs Team. "With over 15 years of experience, Venus is a highly-skilled and well-established lawyer in Indian Country and brings invaluable experience working with tribal governments. Her insight and knowledge gained from her time as Attorney General for the Poarch Band of Creek Indians and as Deputy Solicitor for the United States Department of Interior will be an outstanding resource for our clients and enhances our already strong team."

"I am excited and honored to be joining Kilpatrick Townsend and one of the nation's premier Native American Practices," said Venus Prince. "After years of working closely with Kilpatrick Townsend on issues for my Tribe and observing its outstanding work for other tribes, I know that I am joining a firm that puts client service first, encourages collaboration, and serves tribal governments nationwide on an impressive array of issues."

Ms. Prince is a member of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians and focuses her practice on litigation and Native American Affairs.

Prior to joining the firm, Ms. Prince was Deputy Solicitor for Indian Affairs at the United States Department of Interior in Washington, D.C. where she provided legal counsel and representation to the Secretary and Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs regarding the United States' trust responsibility to tribes and the administration of federal benefits and services to tribes. She also managed the Division of Indian Affairs within the Office of the Solicitor and coordinated with other federal agencies, including the National Indian Gaming Commission and the Department of Justice, regarding litigation, regulatory matters, and policies that impact the interests of the United States and tribes. Previously, Ms. Prince was Attorney General for the Poarch Band of Creek Indians in Atmore, Alabama where she managed legal services and representation for all Poarch Creek Tribal entities.

Before serving as Attorney General for the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, Ms. Prince worked as an associate for law firms in Chicago, Illinois, and Washington, D.C. where she gained experience in insurance coverage law, commercial litigation, and Native American legal matters.

Ms. Prince earned her J.D. from the University of California at Berkeley Boalt Hall School of Law, where she served as

a member of the *California Law Review*. After attending law school, she served as a judicial clerk to Justice Dana Fabe in the Alaska Supreme Court. Ms. Prince received her B.A. in Sociology from Harvard, *cum laude*.

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