



Starling Underwood

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Services

E-Discovery

Starling Underwood is an E-Discovery Attorney with Kilpatrick's LitSmart® E-Discovery Team. With more than eight years of experience in commercial litigation, Starling brings a wide variety of expertise to e-discovery. With Kilpatrick, Starling has conducted numerous document reviews in a variety of practice areas, including trademark and patent infringement, complex business litigation, financial services and due diligence, Native American, government investigations, labor and employment, cybersecurity and data privacy. Starling assists in the management of document review teams, develops review protocols, conducts high level QC and privilege review, and ensures the accurate, efficient, and cost effective review of electronic documents.

Prior to joining the firm, Starling worked as an associate with several full service law firms focusing on commercial litigation and counseling, and specifically labor and employment, federal civil forfeiture, debt collection, landlord tenant, real estate, and commercial disputes. He represented clients in mediation, arbitrations, and before appellate courts. Starling is a former recipient of the Outstanding Service Award by the North Carolina Bar Association, Young Lawyers Division, and has been recognized as a North Carolina "Rising Star" in the area of Business Litigation by *Super Lawyers* magazine each year from 2014 to 2018 and also for E-Discovery from 2021 to 2024.

Education

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Law J.D. (2009)

University of North Carolina at Greensboro B.S. (2006) *cum laude*

Admissions

North Carolina (2009)

Court Admissions

U.S. District Court for Multi-District Litigation

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina

U.S. District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina

U.S. District Court for the Western District of North Carolina

Professional & Community Activities

Leadership Winston-Salem, Class of 2020, Member

Guilford County Bar Association, Member

Authorized Practice Committee for the NC State Bar Council, Former Advisory Member

Grievance Committee for the NC State Bar Council, Former Advisory Member

Pro Bono Committee for the 28th Judicial District, Former Member

Asheville-Buncombe Regional Sports Commission, Former Member

Carolina Day School, Former Trustee

Insights

Perspectives

4 Key Takeaways | The Governance of Innovation: Managing New AI, IP, and Regulatory Frameworks

February 17, 2026

News

Starling Underwood Interviewed for ALM's Legaltech News

October 6, 2025

Publication

The Human Element Remains: How Legal Professionals and AI Can Best Collaborate in the Future of E-Discovery and Litigation

June 10, 2025

News Releases

126 Kilpatrick Attorneys Named 2024 Super Lawyers and Rising Stars

November 11, 2024

Publication

Generative AI E-Discovery Tools and the Importance of Prompt Engineering

September 30, 2024