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Prominent Patent Partner Addition for Kilpatrick Townsend in San Diego

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James Cleary Re-Joins Firm

SAN DIEGO (SEPTEMBER 25) – **Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton** announced today the addition of **James Cleary** as Partner in the Intellectual Property Group's Electronic Engineering & Software Team in San Diego.

"We enthusiastically welcome Jim back to the firm," says **Megan Chung**, Managing Partner of the San Diego Office. "He is a preeminent leader in San Diego's thriving technology community. Jim is committed to providing outstanding, hands-on client service. He becomes a true partner with clients by building trusted, deep-rooted relationships. Jim's return further strengthens Kilpatrick Townsend's internationally recognized Patent Team and bolsters our growing presence in Southern California."

Mr. Cleary's practice focuses on patent law, including preparation and prosecution of patent applications, rendering of opinions on infringement and validity, licensing, due diligence investigations, and strategic counseling, with an emphasis on electrical, telecommunications, software, and mechanical technologies. His clients include action sports and apparel companies, among them top players in the surfing, skateboarding, kite surfing, and fitness industries. Jim also represents leaders in the medical devices, telecommunications, and software industries.

"Returning to Kilpatrick Townsend was an easy decision," says **Jim Cleary**. "Having known and worked with Kilpatrick Townsend attorneys over the years, I am familiar with the firm's collaborative yet creative culture with an emphasis on outstanding client service. That has always appealed to me. The firm's rich multi-disciplinary experience and robust resources will be of great benefit to clients."

Immediately prior to joining Kilpatrick Townsend, Mr. Cleary was a partner in an *AmLaw* 100 firm in San Diego. Earlier in his career, Mr. Cleary served our country in the U.S. Air Force (USAF) and was a senior test engineer and product team leader for the USAF Defense Dissemination Program and a program manager and technical representative for Northrop Corporation, USAF Office.

Mr. Cleary earned his J.D. from University of California's Davis School of Law. He received his MBA from Chapman University and a B.S. in Electrical Engineering and Communications from the U.S. Air Force Academy. He has been recognized by the *Best Lawyers in America*® and *Super Lawyers* in San Diego and Southern California.

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