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**Managing IP Names Kilpatrick “U.S. Trademark Disputes Firm of the Year” and “U.S. Patent Prosecution Firm of the Year”; **

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Dario Machleidt Wins Litigator of the Year for Washington

ATLANTA (April 28) -- **Kilpatrick** announced today that *Managing Intellectual Property (Managing IP)* named the firm “U.S. Trademark Disputes Firm of the Year” and “U.S. Patent Prosecution Firm of the Year” at the **20th Annual Managing IP Awards**, held in New York on April 24.

Managing IP also named Seattle-based Partner **Dario Machleidt** “Litigator of the Year” for Washington. In addition, the firm was named “U.S. Firm of the Year -- Patent Prosecution (South Region).”

The prestigious annual *Managing IP* Awards are presented to firms, individuals, and companies behind the most innovative and challenging IP work of the past year, as well as those driving the international IP market.

Earlier this year, Kilpatrick received 17 nominations for *Managing IP*’s Americas Awards, taking the spot for **the most nominations in 2025**.

"This recognition highlights Kilpatrick’s deep-rooted commitment to supporting the world’s top innovators, technology leaders, and iconic brands," said **Wab Kadaba**, Kilpatrick Chair. "With more than 300 IP attorneys, we have the scale and experience to take on some of the most groundbreaking trademark, copyright, and patent work in the industry."

The *Managing IP* awards program is the most comprehensive and widely respected IP awards event in the world. It covers a wide range of IP practice areas and dozens of jurisdictions. Research analysts obtain information from thousands of firms, IP practitioners and their clients through interviews, email and online surveys.

Before compiling the shortlists, *Managing IP* researchers evaluate the work data supplied by firms and, where applicable, review publicly available information such as court and IP office records. They focus on work done or concluded in the previous year, particularly looking for case studies that were of great significance to clients or IP law and practice. Firms or individuals can also be shortlisted based on the researcher's independent research findings.

Managing IP launched its awards program in 2006. The ceremony attracts hundreds of guests and is regarded as the premier IP law firm awards event in the legal industry.

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