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Kilpatrick Townsend Adds Construction & Government Contracts Team in Washington, DC

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Larry Prosen, Gunjan Talati, John Bergin, Christian Henel, and Daniel Broderick Join the Firm

WASHINGTON, DC (July 11) – Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton announced today the addition of a **Construction & Infrastructure Projects** and **Government Contracts Team** to its Washington, DC office. Partners **Larry Prosen** and **Gunjan Talati**, along with Counsel, **John Bergin**, and Associates, **Christian Henel** and **Daniel Broderick**, have joined the firm where they bring a preeminent construction and government contracts practice to the firm's growing DC office.

"The addition of Larry and his team is an ideal fit for the firm and adds depth to our internationally recognized Construction Team," said **Randy Hafer**, Leader of Kilpatrick Townsend's Construction & Infrastructure Projects Team. "The team's government contracts background complements and expands our existing construction practice. This team of attorneys will be a phenomenal resource to clients who regularly deal with government agencies. We are pleased to welcome Larry, Gunjan, John, Daniel, and Christian to the firm."

"Joining Kilpatrick Townsend offers our practice and clients an international full-service platform with a solid reputation," said **Larry Prosen**. "Kilpatrick Townsend is well suited to meet the needs of our national and international clients. Our clients will benefit from the firm's resources in areas such as Intellectual Property, Labor & Employment, White Collar, and Cybersecurity while also allowing us to service the firm's existing clients in the government contracts environment. We know that we are joining a firm that emphasizes client service, encourages collaboration, and innovation, and serves an impressive and expanding client base that supports our growing practice."

Mr. Prosen, a government contracts attorney with a specialty in construction litigation, focuses his practice on representing and advising contractors (both construction and non-construction) on a broad range of matters related to government contracts, as well as representing clients in public and private/commercial construction litigation. Broadly experienced in all aspects of government contracts, from regulatory compliance, to claims and bid protest litigation, Mr. Prosen's experience includes representing contractors and subcontractors in litigation matters and contract disputes including delay, impact, loss of productivity, and geotechnical/differing site condition claims. Mr. Prosen has appeared frequently in proceedings before many U.S. District Courts as well as the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO), U.S. Court of Federal Claims, various Boards of Contract Appeals, and many state and local courts and agencies. He also counsels contractors on Small Business Administration (SBA) matters ranging from 8(a) formation and status protests to the Mentor-Protégé Program and the Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned (SDVO) and HUBZone small business programs.

Mr. Prosen's national and international experience includes providing advice and representation in connection with construction and infrastructure projects on six continents and in nearly 20 countries for clients in the infrastructure,

environmental, office, commercial, process and manufacturing, energy production/transmission, and real estate sectors. He has also represented clients across over 30 states of the United States in Federal, local, and commercial construction, and government contracts matters. He represents clients before virtually all federal agencies including the Department of Defense, Department of Homeland Security, Department of State, Department of the Interior, Department of Veteran Affairs, U.S. Navy, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, General Services Administration, U.S. Agency for International Development, Architect of the Capitol, and Smithsonian Institution.

Mr. Prosen is listed in the 2016 and the four years immediately preceding editions of *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* in the area of Construction. He was recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Construction Law in 2016 and the three years immediately preceding. Mr. Prosen was recognized in 2015 and 2016 as a Washington DC "Super Lawyer" in the area of Construction Litigation by *Super Lawyers* magazine. He was recommended in the area of Construction Law by *Legal 500 US* in 2016 and the three years immediately preceding.

Mr. Prosen earned a Juris Doctorate from the Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law where he was the Lead Articles Editor of the *CommLaw Conspectus Law Journal*. He received his Bachelor of Science in Architecture and his Bachelor of Arts in History from the University of Maryland.

Mr. Talati is an experienced government contracts practitioner that regularly represents contractors in a variety of sectors including aerospace and defense, health care, and technology. His practice is a mix of regulatory compliance, transactional, and litigation.

Mr. Talati's regulatory compliance experience includes advising government contractors on complying with various Federal Acquisition Regulations, navigating small business and socioeconomic regulations and matters, addressing GSA and Federal Supply Schedule issues, and meeting ethics and compliance requirements. He also has significant experience in helping contractors navigate federal cybersecurity regulations and requirements.

Mr. Talati's litigation experience includes representing contractors in suspension and debarment proceedings, bid protests and prime/sub disputes. He has helped contractors of all sizes through contentious suspension and debarment proceedings before multiple agencies including the U.S. Air Force, General Services Administration, U.S. Army, Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Education, and U.S. Agency for International Development. In 2014, the *National Law Journal's Legal Times* recognized him as one of DC's 40-under-40 rising stars based on his suspension and debarment experience.

Mr. Talati's transactional experience includes serving as lead government contracts counsel in contractor mergers and acquisitions. His transactional experience also encompasses drafting and negotiating joint venture and teaming agreements.

Mr. Talati earned a Juris Doctorate from the Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law where he was an Editorial Assistant and staff member of *The Catholic University Law Review*. While attending law school, Mr. Talati was a law clerk for the U.S. Army Office of the Chief Attorney where he provided guidance on government contracts administration and bid protests. He received his Bachelor of Science from the Georgia Institute of Technology, *with honors*.

Mr. Bergin, a trial attorney with a specialty in construction and government contracts litigation, focuses his practice on representing owners, contractors, and design professionals in complex, multi-party construction and government

contract disputes. He has represented clients involved in construction, real estate, business torts, and other complex disputes in more than 50 jury and bench trials in state and federal courts. Mr. Bergin has defended clients' interests in connection with business torts alleging conspiracy, defamation, fraud, negligent misrepresentation, and intentional interference within contractual and business relationships. He also has successfully arbitrated and mediated claims involving construction projects and commercial contracts and argued before appellate courts in several jurisdictions.

Mr. Bergin has counseled clients in connection with private and public construction projects including Major League Baseball and National Football League stadiums, power plants, schools, hospitals, hotels, office buildings, mixed-use developments, and other types of projects in the United States and internationally. He also advises clients on a broad range of complex commercial matters including commercial real estate, purchase agreements, employment issues, and environmental remediation and reporting.

Mr. Bergin earned a Juris Doctorate from the American University Washington College of Law. He received his Bachelor of Arts in History from the Catholic University of America.

Mr. Henel focuses his practice on advising government contractors regarding a wide array of issues, including front-end compliance questions and reviews, proposal preparation, bid protests, claims, disputes and appeals. He focuses much of his subject matter experience on cybersecurity and cyber-compliance issues, helping government contractors develop compliant security plans for various applications on networks and in the cloud. Mr. Henel earned a Juris Doctorate from the Catholic University of American Columbus School of Law, *cum laude*, where he was a member of *The Catholic University Law Review* and received a Bachelor of Arts in History and Sociology from the College of William and Mary.

Mr. Broderick focuses his practice on construction and infrastructure projects and government contracting. He has experience handling a variety of construction, suretyship and government contract matters, including cases involving public and private construction disputes. Prior to practicing law, Mr. Broderick served as a scheduling consultant for a DC-based consulting firm and as project engineer for a national construction contracting firm. He earned a Juris Doctorate from American University Washington College of Law and received a Bachelor of Science in Engineering and Construction Management from Clarkson University.

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