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Kilpatrick Townsend Expands White Collar Defense and Cybersecurity Practice

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Partner Ray Aghaian Joins Los Angeles Office

LOS ANGELES (May 6) – **Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton** announced today the addition of **Raymond Aghaian** to the firm's Los Angeles office. Mr. Aghaian will be a Partner in the firm's Complex Business Litigation Team.

"We are delighted to welcome Ray to the firm," Jim Gilliland, Chair of Kilpatrick Townsend's Litigation Department, said. "His significant experience and background in white collar defense and cybersecurity bolsters our litigation practice on the West Coast -- a top priority for the firm. Our clients will benefit greatly from Ray's expertise and his addition adds depth to our already strong team."

Mr. Aghaian served as an Assistant United States Attorney with the Department of Justice in the Central District of California where he was a member of the Cyber & Intellectual Property Crimes Section. As an experienced trial lawyer, he helped lead the Department's efforts to investigate and prosecute an array of white collar crimes including: bribery, copyright and trademark infringement, healthcare fraud, theft of trade secrets, cyber intrusions, mail, wire, and bank fraud, money laundering, tax evasion, and mortgage fraud.

"Kilpatrick Townsend's commitment to growth in California and the opportunity to expand Kilpatrick Townsend's white collar defense and cybersecurity practice on the west coast is the ideal platform for my practice," says Ray Aghaian. "For many years, I have known and been impressed by many Kilpatrick Townsend attorneys, especially its litigators. This is a tremendous opportunity and I look forward to being a resource to the firm and our clients."

"Cybersecurity and white collar defense are growing concerns for many of our clients," said Larry McFarland, Los Angeles Office Managing Partner. "Ray's wealth of knowledge and dynamic practice will broaden and further strengthen the team's expertise. He is an excellent addition to the firm and the Los Angeles office."

Mr. Aghaian joins the firm from McKenna Long & Aldridge where he served as the co-leader of their cybersecurity practice. His experience in cybersecurity has been recognized in the media by *The Wall Street Journal* and the *Washington Post*.

Mr. Aghaian earned his J.D. from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law. He received his B.A. from University of California, Santa Barbara. Mr. Aghaian is recognized by *Southern California Super Lawyer* in White Collar Criminal Defense and *Legal 500* in Trade Secret Litigation. While at the Department of Justice in the Central District of California, Mr. Aghaian was nominated for the prestigious Attorney General's Award, the highest award in the Department of Justice.

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