



Insights: Perspectives

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5 Questions with Kilpatrick Townsend Office Managing Partner Karly Rodine

1. How long has the firm had a presence in Dallas?

Launched in 2015, the Dallas office brings a rich history and solid track record through predecessor firm Crouch & Ramey (est. 1999) of providing aggressive litigation and real estate services to some of the nation's largest financial institutions, developers, national franchisors, as well as local small and midsize businesses. Since the merger, we have increased the depth of our appellate, finance, and capital markets practices, and we have added more expertise in global sourcing and technology.

2. Describe the Dallas office's expertise and client base?

The Dallas office serves both small and large companies, partnerships and closely-held corporations, and Fortune 250 companies across all areas of law — commercial, real estate, business planning and execution, employment, transactions, products and premises liability, financing, litigation, appeals, and dispute resolution — throughout Texas and in Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois, Louisiana, Mississippi, Nebraska, and Oklahoma. We leverage our deep connections to provide client-first service within a wide variety of industries, including financial, telecom, banking, investment, asset management, property management, steel and metal, real estate, franchising, funeral and cemetery, oil and gas, equipment and manufacturing, transportation, and food services.

3. What differentiates Kilpatrick Townsend from other firms in Dallas?

Our client-centric approach. By providing personal, responsive client service, our attorneys can gain a thorough understanding of our clients' businesses, while building longstanding relationships based on trust and respect. We also works diligently to stay at the forefront of developing law — most recently, online defamation suits — to help clients create straightforward, real-world solutions, as well as anticipate and address risks before they arise.

4. Any recent growth?

Like the Dallas business community, the Dallas office is growing at a rapid pace. Since the 2015 merger, we have added attorneys to our Global Sourcing & Technology Team (**Jim Steinberg**, **Megan Demicco**, and **Josh Benson**); Real Estate Finance & Capital Markets Team (**Merri McCoy** and **Mark Palmer**); Real Estate Investment & Development Group (**Joe Esposito**); Complex Commercial Litigation Team (**Catherine Barbaree**), and our already-strong Appellate Team (**Adam Charnes** and **Jason Steed**). We also look forward to the May 1 arrival of a new attorney to our Investment Management Team.

5. What key initiatives do the Dallas office spearhead in the community?

The Dallas office is committed to serving its community through many pro bono and community service initiatives. We devote significant time and energy to K-12 education, assisting the homeless, and pro bono appeals and immigration. Our work with KIPP University and Reading Partners has enriched the reading skills of elementary children in underprivileged communities, while our current endeavor with the Irma Lerma Rangel Young Women's Leadership School will help educate and empower the young girls. Also, being in downtown Dallas, we are acutely aware of the homeless population and their struggles. As such, we partner with Dallas Life, Austin Street Center, and The North Texas Food Bank to provide meals and food supplies throughout the year.



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