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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN... SAN DIEGO

Five Questions with Kilpatrick Townsend Office Managing Partner Bill Shaffer

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

Since 2003, the San Diego office has served local and national clients, as well as its community through stellar legal advocacy and many civic endeavors. As part of one of the nation's elite full-service law firms, our presence has grown simultaneously with the city and the nation, reflecting the many legal and technological milestones of our era. As such, this past June, we relocated into a more collaborative, open-concept office space that better embodies the firm's evolving culture and core values to foster productivity, innovation, and efficiencies.

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

The San Diego office offers a full range of intellectual property and complex commercial litigation services and capabilities. Our attorneys and staff work collaboratively when representing clients in the entertainment, health care, life sciences, technology, and telecommunication industries.

3. What differentiates Kilpatrick Townsend from other firms in San Diego?

Located in one of the most exciting technology, medical, and scientific communities in the world, the San Diego office's strong expertise in intellectual property, litigation, and corporate transactional matters provides a perfect platform to serve our clients' legal needs as they grow and expand.

4. Any recent growth?

The San Diego office strategically seeks out diverse, innovative, legal talent and has welcomed several notable laterals attorneys — including Partner **James Sze**, Counsel **Ruthleen Uy**, and Associate **James Maune** to the Electrical Engineering & Software Team and Partner **Nancy Stagg** to the Complex Commercial Litigation Team — in the past several years. Dubbed "America's Finest City" and known for its laid-back charm, the office's natural appeal also enticed several Kilpatrick Townsend attorneys and staff to relocate to the San Diego location, including myself, Partner **Megan Chung**, Attorney **Melissa Patterson**, Office Administrator **Michael Manzano**, and most recently Associate **Christopher Davis** from our San Francisco office.

5. What key initiatives does the San Diego office spearhead in the community?

The San Diego office is committed to giving back to the community. Our attorneys provide pro bono legal services through San Diego Volunteer Lawyers Program, Casa Cornelia, Legal Aid of San Diego, the Veterans Legal Institute, and California Lawyers for the Arts. We also host many community service events, such as assembling care packages for the marines, local homeless, and displaced pets and removing waste refuse around La Jolla Shores Beach via our partnership with San Diego Coastkeeper. Our office further supports various local organizations through thoughtful, effective sponsorship, including the San Diego Chapter of the Association of Corporate Counsel's Annual Black and White Ball to benefit the South Bay Community Services, the Pan Asian Lawyers of San Diego, and the Filipino American Lawyers of San Diego's Annual Dinner Gala, which raises funds for law student scholarships.



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ENHANCING **LEGAL & PROFESSIONAL** services, while also increasing **DIVERSITY** within the San Diego office



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