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# Kilpatrick Townsend Attorneys Named 2020 Washington Super Lawyers

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**SEATTLE (August 4) -- Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton** announced today that seven attorneys from the firm's Seattle office were recognized by *2020 Washington Super Lawyers*. Partners **Gwendolyn Payton** and **Rob Roy Smith** were designated Super Lawyers, while partner **Dario Machleidt** and associates **Tyler McAllister, Claire Newman, Patrick Njeim**, and **Rachel Saimons** were designated Rising Stars.

The Super Lawyers distinction honors attorneys who attain a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement as some of the region's preeminent lawyers. *Super Lawyers* is a rating service of lawyers from more than 70 practice areas. The selection process includes independent research, peer nominations and peer evaluations, all of which result in a comprehensive and diverse listing of the top five percent of attorneys in each state.

- **Gwendolyn Payton** focuses her practice on complex commercial litigation, class actions, trade secret litigation, health care, and antitrust and trade litigation. She has active trial practice in state and federal courts, and regularly argues appeals in state and federal courts.
- **Rob Roy Smith** is the Managing Partner of the Seattle office and co-Team Leader of the Native American Practice Group. He focuses his practice on federal Indian law. He advises Indian tribal clients on all aspects of federal, state and tribal law, including economic development, natural and cultural resource protection, taxation, tribal sovereignty and gaming.
- **Dario Machleidt** is an intellectual property litigator. He has represented clients in a wide variety of complex matters, including patent, copyright, trademark, and trade secret disputes. His experience includes litigating patent cases before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit and the U.S. Supreme Court.
- **Tyler McAllister** focuses his practice on patent litigation, patent preparation and prosecution, post-grant proceedings, and related counseling. He advises startups to recognized corporations representing a wide range of technologies including computer software and hardware, graphical user interfaces, health IT, medical record management, implantable medical devices, robotic surgical devices, wearable medical and consumer devices, insect rearing and release systems, warehouse automation and material handling, electronics, robotics, telecommunications, content delivery networks, sporting goods, and unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs).
- **Claire Newman** focuses her practice on litigation representing Indian tribes. She has assisted in representing tribes in federal, state and tribal court. Among other issues, Ms. Newman has assisted client tribes in matters involving sovereign immunity, self-governance, employment, water rights, code development, race discrimination, and Indian child welfare.
- **Patrick Njeim** focuses his practice on patent preparation and prosecution, due diligence matters, infringement and validity opinions, portfolio analysis, patent litigation, and post-grant proceedings. He

represents clients in a wide range of technology areas, including artificial intelligence, virtual reality, augmented reality, computer software and hardware, virtualization and cloud computing, networking, wireless communications, electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, medical devices, and various related technologies.

- **Rachel Saimons** primarily focuses her practice on Native American Affairs. Ms. Saimons has represented tribes and tribal entities in litigation before state and federal courts in a variety of matters, including water issues, sovereign immunity, employment and contractual disputes, defense of tribes and tribal officials against allegations of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO), and disputes with municipalities. She has also advised tribes on treaty-rights issues and compliance with state and local laws.

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