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# Former Krispy Kreme Doughnuts Executive Rejoins Kilpatrick Townsend

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**Corena Norris-McCluney Brings Nearly Two Decades of Legal and Business Experience**

**WINSTON-SALEM (April 2, 2019) – Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton** announced today that **Corena Norris-McCluney** has returned to the firm on the Labor & Employment team in the firm's Winston Salem office. Ms. Norris-McCluney previously practiced at Kilpatrick Townsend from 2002-2014. She rejoins the firm after serving as Senior Vice President, General Counsel for Krispy Kreme Doughnut Corporation.

"We are excited to welcome Corena back home," said **Steve Berlin**, Managing Partner of the Winston-Salem office. "She brings invaluable experience and the unique perspective of working in-house at one of the world's most recognizable brands. She knows what clients need and will be an incredible resource for them and our attorneys firmwide."

At Krispy Kreme Doughnut Corporation, Ms. Norris-McCluney served as a member of the company's Senior Management Team, was responsible for managing the in-house legal team including hiring and management of outside legal counsel, and advised on risks facing all areas of the global business and corporate governance.

"The incredible people – from the firm's innovative clients to its amazing attorneys and professional staff – drew me back to Kilpatrick Townsend," said Ms. Norris-McCluney. "My experience having served as General Counsel for one of the best brands uniquely positions me to provide our clients with insight gained from my incredible experience at Krispy Kreme Doughnuts. I look forward to working with colleagues that I have known for years and those that are new."

Before leaving Kilpatrick Townsend in 2014, her practice focused on providing counsel to global clients with respect to general labor and employment matters, federal and state laws, as well as a variety of general human resources issues. She also represented employers in investigations and charges before governmental agencies, including the EEOC and DOL and defended employers before North Carolina state, appellate and federal courts.

Ms. Norris-McCluney is a leader in the Triad community. She served on the Winston-Salem Foundation Board, Crisis Control Ministry, the Board of Directors of the YMCA of Northwest North Carolina, was a member of the Winston-Salem Capital Campaign Coordinating Committee, and was on the Black Philanthropy Initiative Advisory Board to name just a few of her leadership positions. Among Ms. Norris-McCluney's many honors, she was named one of the Triad Business Journal's "Leading Women in Business," recognized as a "North Carolina Bar Association Citizen Lawyer," and was given a national "Minority Corporate Counsel Association Rising Star Award."

Ms. Norris-McCluney is a graduate of North Carolina State University and earned her law degree at Wake Forest University School of Law.

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