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Kim Davis focuses her practice on prosecuting foreign and domestic patent applications in pharmaceuticals, polymers, the chemical arts, materials, and metallurgy, due diligence and freedom to operate analysis, and client counseling and portfolio strategy for companies, universities and research institutions. Kim provides litigation support in an array of technologies, including pharmaceuticals, polymers, drug and chemical formulations, and drug delivery systems. In particular, she has extensive experience in preparing non-infringement and invalidity opinions and in performing freedom-to-operate analyses and due diligence for pharmaceutical and chemical clients. Kim also represents clients in post grant proceedings in the U.S. and European patent offices.

With a background in organic and medicinal chemistry, Kim has pursued a career supporting life science innovators in all of their patent needs, including strategic patent counseling, portfolio development, and prosecution services.

While attending graduate school, she designed and synthesized nucleoside analogues as HIV-1 reverse transcriptase inhibitors and also focused on developing methodology to improve the regioselectivity of nucleoside base couplings under advisor Dr. Dennis Liotta. Kim also served as an intern in the Emory University Office of Technology Transfer, where she assessed the marketability and patentability of technologies. While attending Xavier University of Louisiana, Kim worked as a summer intern in medicinal chemistry at Eli Lilly and Company.

Kim has co-authored scientific and legal journal manuscripts and presented at several scientific meetings. Kim was the recipient of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Predoctoral Fellowship Award for Minority Students, the National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship, and the GlaxoSmithKline/NOBCCHE London Pridgen Fellowship.

During law school, Kim received the GSU College of Law Intellectual Property Scholarship and served as a graduate research assistant for the GSU Intellectual Property Advisory Board.

Kim was recognized in 2018, 2019, 2021, 2023 and 2024 as a Georgia "Rising Star" in the area of Intellectual Property by *Super Lawyers* magazine. She was recognized in 2022, 2023 and 2024 as one of the "Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch" for Patent Law by *The Best Lawyers in America*®. Kim was recognized as a top patent practitioner in 2026 and the three years immediately preceding by *IAM Patent 1000 – The World's Leading Patent Practitioners*. In 2023, she was honored as one of Lawyer of Color's "Wonderful Women" in its inaugural list, which recognizes dynamic women attorneys working in law firms, companies, and government agencies across the U.S. who show promise in their careers and demonstrate a strong commitment to advancing diversity in the legal profession. Kim was named a "40 Under 40" recipient in 2022 by *Georgia Trend* magazine. She was recognized as one of *The Atlanta Business Chronicle's* "40 Under 40" in its 2022 class. Kim is a recipient of the National Bar Association's "40 Under 40 Nation's Best Advocates" Award in 2021 and was named a 2021 Georgia Legal Award honoree as an attorney "On the Rise" by *The Daily Report*. She was named to Georgia State University's "40 Under 40 Class" in 2023. Kim was also named a "40 Under 40 Leader" by Emory University Alumni Association in 2020. She has also served as the co-chair of KT Voice, Kilpatrick's resource group focused on promoting the interests of Black attorneys.

Education

Georgia State University, College of Law J.D. (2013) magna cum laude

Emory University Ph.D. (2008) Organic Chemistry

Xavier University of Louisiana B.S. (2004) Biochemistry, *summa cum laude*

Admissions

Georgia (2014)

Court Admissions

Georgia Court of Appeals

Supreme Court of Georgia

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (2009)

Professional & Community Activities

Atlanta Broadening Experiences in Scientific Training (BEST) Program, Emory University and Georgia Institute of Technology, Advisory Committee (2015-2016)

American Chemical Society, Member

Atlanta Intellectual Property Inn of Court, Member (2015-2018)

Fayette County Education Foundation, Board Member (2023)

Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys, Member

Georgia State University College of Law, Intellectual Property Advisory Board Member (2014-2016)

Jumpstart Atlanta, Advisory Board, Previous Board Chair (2016-2022)

Jumpstart, National Board of Directors, Member (2018-2022)

Leadership Atlanta, Class of 2025

MEMO|Medicine & Molecules, *The Kilpatrick Biopharma Industry Blog*, Co-Editor-in-Chief (2021-2022)

National Bar Association, Member

Superintendent's Advisory Council, Fayette County, Member (2019-2023)

Sidebars Podcast, the Kilpatrick Townsend Limited Podcast Series on Women in the Patent Bar, Co-host, Inaugural Season

Insights

News Releases

Kilpatrick Continues to Earn Outstanding Rankings in Annual IAM Patent 1000
May 29, 2025

News Releases

126 Kilpatrick Attorneys Named 2024 Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
November 11, 2024

News Releases

Kilpatrick Continues to Earn Impressive Rankings in Annual IAM Patent 1000
July 1, 2024

News

Kim Davis Named to the Leadership Atlanta Class of 2025
April 22, 2024

Events

National Bar Association | Commercial Law Section 37th Annual Corporate Counsel Conference
February 15, 2024