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Kilpatrick Earns Highest Distinction in **Managing Intellectual Property's** IP Stars Guide

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32 Kilpatrick Attorneys Named Individual IP Stars

ATLANTA (August 3) – Kilpatrick announced today that it has once again been recognized for its exceptional IP capabilities in *Managing Intellectual Property's* (*Managing IP*) prestigious **2026 IP Stars Guide**. The Firm earned multiple top-tier national rankings and received the highest possible designations across several U.S. offices, including 32 attorneys named IP Stars, reflecting its deep bench of talent and nationally recognized practices.

National Firm Rankings

In the 2026 national rankings, Kilpatrick is the only firm to secure Tier 1 status—the highest distinction—in all four categories below:

- Copyright
- Patent Prosecution
- Trademark Disputes
- Trademark Prosecution

The Firm also earned high recognition in Patent Disputes, PTAB Litigation, Life Sciences IP, and ITC Litigation.

In addition, *Managing IP* recognized Kilpatrick's regional strength, awarding the Firm top designations across the multiple offices and practice areas:

Kilpatrick received the following regional and individual IP Stars recognition:

California

Highly Recommended* in Copyright & Related Rights, Patent Prosecution, Trademark Prosecution, Patent Disputes, and Trademark Disputes.

Individual IP Stars recognized include:

- [Jennifer Arkowitz](#)

- [Byron Chin](#)
- [Patrick Jewik](#)
- [Anthony Malutta](#)
- [Larry McFarland](#)
- [Gwen Petersen](#)
- [Joe Petersen](#)
- [Bill Shaffer](#)
- [Dennis Wilson](#)

Colorado

Highly Recommended* in Intellectual Property.

Individual IP Stars recognized include:

- [Darin Gibby](#)
- [Justin Krieger](#)

Georgia

Highly Recommended* in Intellectual Property.

Individual IP Stars recognized include:

- [Melissa Capotosto](#) (Rising Star)
- [Ted Davis](#)
- [Forrest Flemming](#) (Rising Star)
- [Charlie Henn](#)
- [Wab Kadaba](#)
- [Russ Korn](#)
- [Joshua Lee](#)
- [Ty Lord](#)
- [Mitchell Stockwell](#)

Illinois

Individual IP Stars recognized include:

- [Tom Holt](#)

New York

Highly Recommended* in Copyright & Related Rights.

Individual IP Stars recognized include:

- [Joseph Petersen](#)

- [Christopher Woods](#)

North Carolina

Highly Recommended* in Intellectual Property.

Individual IP Stars recognized include:

- [John Alemanni](#)
- [Charles Calkins](#)
- [Steve Gardner](#)

Texas

Individual IP Stars recognized include:

- [Steve Borgman](#)

Washington

Recommended in Intellectual Property.

Individual IP Stars recognized include:

- [Jesse Bennett](#)
- [Dario Machleidt](#)
- [Roger Wylie](#)

Washington, D.C.

Recommended in Trademark Prosecution

Individual IP Stars recognized include:

- [Vincent Badolato](#)
- [Lindsay Kaplan](#)
- [Peter Willsey](#)

(*) Highest Ranking Possible

About *Managing IP's* IP Stars

IP Stars is the leading specialist guide for companies or individuals looking for experienced legal practitioners to deal with contentious and non-contentious intellectual property issues. *Managing IP* has been covering IP law and practice worldwide since 1990. Researchers assess and rank law firms and practitioners around the world in different IP practice areas. To find a ranked firm or practitioner, please select a jurisdiction from the regional menu above or use the search box.

About Kilpatrick

Kilpatrick is trusted counsel to the world's most innovative companies. With recognized strength in the technology sector and a full range of service offerings, we deliver practical, business-centric solutions built upon strong and enduring connections. To serve our ground-breaking clients, we strive to be at the forefront of client service and on the cutting edge of law and technology.

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