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Kilpatrick Townsend Receives Top Rankings in 2020 Legal 500 US

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ATLANTA (June 23) – Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton announced today that the firm has received top rankings in the ***2020 Legal 500 US***, an annual, comprehensive, research-based analysis of law firms in over 150 jurisdictions around the world.

Kilpatrick Townsend was recognized in seven different practice areas, including three practice areas recognized with a Tier 1 ranking, the top ranking awarded by *Legal 500*. The publication also singled out 46 Kilpatrick Townsend attorneys for their accomplishments in their practice areas. The firm was recognized in the following areas:

Construction – Tier 1

The firm's construction practice was praised for its *"ability to create a team atmosphere with the client"* and *"make them an integral part of the process."* Additionally, clients noted, *"…they have a very strong ability to create a productive and inspiring working atmosphere, where the essentials of the case can be extracted and utilized effectively. Effective communication with the client is key for this team, effectively allowing room for the team to respond with flexibility as the case develops and/or alters its character. The sum exceeds its individual parts. This team is truly loyal to its client[s]!"*

Recognized Construction attorneys include:

- Brian Corgan (Hall of Fame)
- Randall Hafer (Hall of Fame)
- Lee Mann
- Robbie Poplin (Next Generation Partner)
- Keith Richardson
- Daniel Swaja (Next Generation Partner)

Trademarks: Litigation – Tier 1

Legal 500 described Kilpatrick Townsend's trademark litigation team as *"the legal counsel of choice for a number of household names."* Clients noted that the team *"give[s] smart and practical advice, tailoring the relationship they have with each company depending on their individual cultures. They are very responsive and are always there 24/7."*

Recognized Trademarks: Litigation attorneys include:

- Bill Brewster (Hall of Fame)
- Charlie Henn (Next Generation Partner)
- David Mayberry
- Larry McFarland
- Lisa Pearson
- Judy Powell
- Dennis Wilson

Trademarks: Non-Contentious (including Prosecution, Portfolio Management, and Licensing) – Tier 1

The firm's trademarks: non-contentious team *"has a strong on-the-ground presence in several commercial centers nationwide."* Additionally, *Legal 500* noted that *"another distinguishing feature of the firm is its Beijing-based Chinese trademark agency, which assists U.S. and European clients with strategic trademark matters in China."*

Recognized Trademarks: Non-Contentious attorneys include:

- Bill Brewster
- Alicia Jones (Next Generation Partner)
- Marc Lieberstein
- Anthony Malutta (Leading Lawyer)
- David Mayberry

Copyright

Kilpatrick Townsend's copyright practice was described by clients as, *"…great at trying to find elegant solutions to complicated (and often not-previously-litigated) problems. [They are] willing to think outside the box and provide practical advice that can be executed on with internal business units."* Additionally, clients stated, *"the team has a good combination of litigators, counselors, and academics and this combination is very effective when thinking through various copyright issues."*

Recognized Copyright attorneys include:

- Joseph Beck (Hall of Fame)
- Joe Petersen
- James Trigg
- Dennis Wilson

M&A: Middle-Market (Sub-$500m)

The firm's M&A practice was noted for its ability to handle large-scale national and international transactions, both in the middle- and upper-markets, and for its multibillion-dollar deals for well-known corporate clients.

Recognized M&A: Middle-Market (Sub-$500m) attorneys include:

- Lou Barbieri III (Next Generation Partner)
- Ben Barkley
- Gary Bronstein
- Joel Cartee
- Rich Cicchillo, Jr. (Hall of Fame)
- David Eaton
- Christina Gattuso
- Thomas Kesler

Outsourcing

Kilpatrick Townsend's outsourcing practice was recognized for its strong presence in the telecoms sector, with experience assisting information management providers, financial institutions, and health insurance companies on outsourcing matters.

Recognized Outsourcing attorneys include:

- Megan Demicco
- Josh Ganz
- Lance McCord
- Jim Steinberg

Patents: Prosecution (including Re-Examination and Post-Grant Proceedings)

The firm's patent prosecution practice was noted for its *"wide and deep expert bench,"* with clients emphasizing that the *"team is very well managed, and includes many experienced and capable drafting/prosecution attorneys. They employ a supervisor/drafter approach when less experienced attorneys are working on matters."* Additionally, clients were impressed by the team stating, *"the team we use is 100% female, all well-credentialed PhDs, all customer-service oriented. I love each of those characteristics."*

Recognized Patents: Prosecution attorneys include:

- Nena Bains
- Gene Bernard
- Rich Christiansen
- Jim Cleary
- Tom Franklin
- Kate Gaudry
- Wab Kadaba
- Nicki Kennedy
- Justin Krieger
- Craig Largent
- Daniel McCormick
- Tina McKeon
- John Pratt (Hall of Fame)
- Andrew Serafini
- Clark Weight

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