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# Kilpatrick Achieves Record-Breaking Rankings in 2026 IAM Patent 1000

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**Firm Achieves Outstanding Recognition for Patent Practice Across Numerous Offices**

**ATLANTA (June 3) – Kilpatrick** announced today that **34** of the Firm's attorneys earned a combined **38** rankings in the areas of **Patent Litigation, Patent Prosecution, Patent Transactions,** and **Post-Grant Proceedings** on the ***2026 IAM Patent 1000 - The World's Leading Patent Practitioners (IAM Patent 1000)***. This represents the most Kilpatrick attorneys ranked by *IAM Patent 1000*.

The Kilpatrick attorneys named top patent practitioners include:

- John Alemanni
- Nena Bains
- Jesse Bennett
- James Bergstrom
- Steve Borgman
- Charles Calkins
- Kimberlynn Davis
- Matias Ferrario
- Steven Gardner
- Darin Gibby **
- Jennifer Giordano-Coltart
- Richard Goldstucker
- Charles Gray
- Seth Herring
- Brenda Holmes
- Wab Kadaba **
- Nicoletta Kennedy
- Russ Korn
- Sujit Kotwal
- Justin Krieger *
- Craig Largent
- Dario Machleidt
- Christine Morgan

- Michael Morlock
- Patrick Njeim
- David Raczkowski
- Karam Saab **
- William Shaffer
- Torrey Spink
- Mitchell Stockwell **
- Michael Turton
- Renae Wainwright
- Clark Weight
- Roger Wylie **

* Achieved a *National* Ranking for Post-Grant Proceedings
** Achieved a *Gold* or *Highly Recommended* Ranking

Kilpatrick once again earned recognition across a broad geographic footprint, with rankings in the United States: National, China: Foreign, and International categories. The Firm is also ranked in six states, including California, Colorado, Georgia, North Carolina, Texas, and Washington.

Kilpatrick was one of only 16 firms named to the **U.S. National: Prosecution** category. In the **China: Foreign** region, the Firm was one of only 20 firms ranked, and in the **International** band, Kilpatrick was one of the leading 34 firms noted with this global distinction.

Kilpatrick earned Gold Band designation for patent litigation and patent prosecution in **Georgia**. The Firm also earned Gold Band designation for patent prosecution in **Washington**. In **California**, the Firm received outstanding recognition with Silver designation for patent litigation and is highly ranked for patent prosecution. Kilpatrick is ranked Silver for patent litigation and is highly ranked in the prosecution and transactions categories in **Colorado.** The Firm is ranked among the top four firms in **North Carolina** for its overall patent expertise. In **Texas**, Kilpatrick earned high rankings for patent litigation.

Commentary throughout the 2026 rankings underscores the strength of the Firm's patent practice:

From the **China: Foreign** overview: *"Kilpatrick's China practice is built for innovation-driven companies seeking far-reaching and durable protection in highly competitive technology markets"*

From the **California** overview: *"Kilpatrick brings together a deep bench of prosecution and litigation talent on the West Coast, with its California team particularly adept at supporting innovation-driven companies across the full IP lifecycle. The group combines technically sophisticated portfolio development with contentious capabilities, enabling it to protect and enforce high-value patent assets in competitive technology markets."*

From the **Colorado** overview: *"Kilpatrick fields a sophisticated patent practice built to support innovation-driven growth, combining legal precision with deep technical fluency across complex industries. Its attorneys bring a blend of legal and scientific expertise that allows them to quickly grasp the commercial and technological dimensions of disputes and transactions alike."*

From the **Georgia** overview: *"Kilpatrick operates a broad and sophisticated patent practice, distinguished by its ability to pair deep technical knowledge with the courtroom strength of a seasoned litigation outfit. The team*

*advises an impressive spectrum of clients, from Fortune 500 market leaders to fast-scaling growth companies, supporting them in the creation, protection and commercial deployment of patent portfolios across a wide range of technologies."*

From the **North Carolina** overview: *"Kilpatrick stands out for its professional, diligent matter handling; sophisticated systems that track patent families by subject matter; and a consistent, technically precise approach to style and substance."*

From the **Texas** overview: *"Kilpatrick maintains a strong litigation presence in Texas, drawing on its broader national platform to handle complex, high-value patent disputes. The team is particularly active in technology-driven matters, combining trial capability with strategic case management to guide clients through all stages of contentious proceedings."*

From the **Washington** overview: *"Kilpatrick is well represented in Washington. The outfit's IP offering covers the full patent lifecycle, from development to maximizing the value of assets."*

The *IAM Patent 1000* guide was compiled following an extensive research process. For over five months, *IAM* conducted approximately 900 detailed interviews with numerous private practice lawyers, patent agents, and in-house counsel to gather market intelligence on the leading players in the field. Individuals qualified for a listing in the *IAM Patent 1000* when they received sufficient positive feedback from peers and clients with knowledge of their practice and the market within which they operate. Only those identified for exceptional skill sets and profound insights into patent matters are featured.

*IAM* was launched in July 2003 to address the need for organizations to maximize the value of their IP and other intangibles, and to examine the strategies they can put in place to do this. *IAM* is unique because it treats IP as a business asset and tool rather than simply as a legal right.

**About Kilpatrick**

Kilpatrick is trusted counsel to the world's most innovative companies. 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. 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.

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