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Kilpatrick Townsend a "Firm in Focus" for Meridius Matters

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On defining new leadership roles, advancing best practices and technologies in IP operations, and transforming how law firms collaborate with clients.

Stephanie [Sanders], we've been hearing a lot recently about your work in advancing standards for IP operations with CLOC. Before we get into that, could you talk about your firm and your role there?

I'm the Global Patent Operations Chief at Kilpatrick, Townsend & Stockton, based in our Washington DC office. We have 20 offices, 10 of which do patent prosecution. That's the main focus of my role. The firm created this position in late 2017 and I am the first to serve in it.

I came to this position from the practitioner side. I have a degree in computer engineering, and started my career as a patent examiner working at the US Patent and Trademark Office. Following that, I was an associate at Fish & Richardson and Arent Fox, where I handled patent prosecution and dabbled in litigation. Then, taking on an operations role, I oversaw staff and associate training at Finnegan, where I managed a team of patent support staff across the firm's offices and helped streamline IP process, policy and operations.