

san diego county

# TOP ATTORNEYS



## 2015 Top Attorney

### **Kandace Patton Watson** *Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton*

#### **Law School**

University of Texas at Austin

#### **Major Cases**

Often nicknamed the “Closer,” Watson has led the successful completion of many international transactions, including most recently chemical patent license, product development, manufacturing and distribution agreements adverse to Hitachi Chemical Company; an EOR cross patent license adverse to Chevron USA and consumer goods product supply, distribution, patent and software license agreements adverse to Reckitt Benckiser.

Watson represented YP, the largest local search, media and advertising company in North America, to sell its Earn Per Call business, advising on IP transactional issues and negotiating license agreements. She also represented a Fortune 100 health care services company in multiple JVs and software licenses.

#### **Professional Background**

Watson heads Kilpatrick Townsend’s Mergers, Acquisition, Securities and Corporate Team in the Southwestern U.S. She has extensive experience representing companies in numerous industries, with an emphasis on biotechnology, pharmaceutical, health care, chemicals, technology, and food and beverage companies.

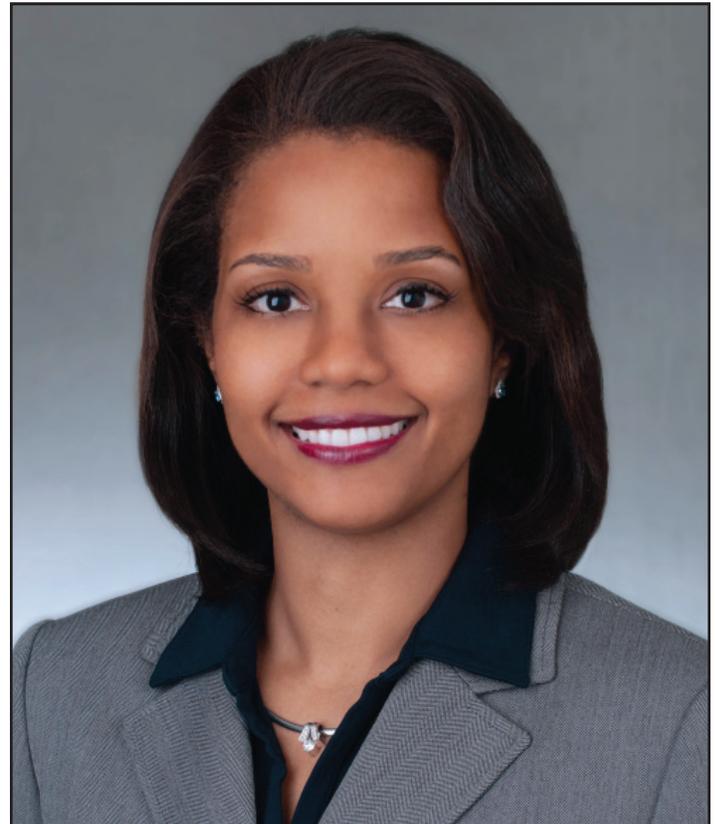
Companies seek Watson’s leadership to structure complex transactions, comply with securities regulations and expand operations globally. She advises boards and executives regarding corporate governance, strategic planning, and ongoing operations. Structuring JVs between majority and minority-owned businesses is among her specialties. Watson has successfully secured patent license and purchase agreements, as well as developed non-licensing strategies, against Non-Practicing Entities.

#### **Professional Affiliations**

Watson is an Arbitrator for the American Arbitration Association and was selected as an AAA 2010 Higginbotham Fellow. She is a Leadership Council of Legal Diversity Fellow and a Lifetime Member of the National Bar Association. Watson served as a Board of Director for San Diego and Arizona NBA Affiliate Chapters and was an Ambassador of the American Bar Association’s Business Law Section.

#### **Personal Affiliations**

Watson is committed to Pro Bono efforts. She has provided hundreds of pro bono service hours, including Casa Cornelia and



the Zahn Innovation Center, an incubator that supports San Diego State University entrepreneurs — to name just a few.

Watson also serves as an Advisory Board Member of UC San Diego’s Innovation Advisory Board.

#### **Personal Background**

Fun facts:

- I cruised the Nile River and explored the pyramids, temples and tombs of pharaohs in Egypt.
- I swam with sharks in Tahiti.
- I was photographed with a stingray on my stomach.
- I stood atop Mayan temples and saw the blood stains left from their human sacrifices.
- I swam with sea turtles and touched the tentacles of an octopus in Hawaii.
- I walked to the top of the Eiffel Tower in Paris with my mother, because it was her dream.

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