

# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN... DENVER

5 Questions with Kilpatrick Townsend Denver Office Managing Partner Gene Bernard

## 1. How long has Kilpatrick Townsend had a Denver presence?

**A.** Kilpatrick Townsend has had a growing presence in the Mile High City for nearly a quarter of a century serving some of the leading corporate multi-national entities and emerging startups in the Rocky Mountain Region.

## 2. What sets Kilpatrick Townsend apart from other Denver law firms?

**A.** As an IP powerhouse, we have been providing clients with top-tier IP counsel longer than most firms in the area. Emanating from our flagship IP core (the only Tier 1 Chambers firm for IP in Colorado), Kilpatrick Townsend has also built a preeminent litigation practice. But in addition we have direct access to the leading corporate attorneys across Kilpatrick Townsend.

Clients who work with the Denver office receive the best of two worlds – local attorneys with West Coast caliber high-tech expertise who are conveniently located just down the street in Denver's vibrant LoDo district in the shadow of Coors Field. We work with leading-edge companies including Oracle, Nest, First Data, Johns Manville, etc. to name a few.

## 3. What are some of the Denver office's points of pride?

**A.** Our attorneys across the firm are absolutely committed to giving back to the community through volunteerism and pro bono and have a long tradition to doing so. But I am proud to say that the Denver office has taken this commitment to a new level. When we launched our community/pro bono KT IMPACT program here, I assumed that our attorneys would stay in their comfort zones and provide important IP-related counsel to artists, inventors, entrepreneurs, etc. which we of course do and do well. But I was surprised at the enthusiasm of our attorneys for providing legal assistance to clients in our award-winning grandparent adoption program, or helping the underserved immigrant community which is facing overwhelming obstacles. As a result of this passion, we were recently named one of the top 11 law firms in Colorado for total number of pro bono hours donated in the last year. When looking at pro bono hours per lawyer, we rank higher than many firms in the top 10.

## 4. What is it about Kilpatrick Townsend that has led you to building such a long career here – 15 years at the firm?

**A.** At Kilpatrick Townsend, the IP practice is a central area of expertise across the firm and has been for nearly 160 years. So, it is a great feeling to be a part of a patent team that approaches 200 practitioners and offers so many opportunities to work with outstanding clients on difference-making issues. And importantly, the people here are the best – both our professional staff and attorneys.

## 5. What is your outlook for 2018?

**A.** We plan to continue to grow – right along with the booming Denver economy. The tech industry is providing so many opportunities across the region. And as the tech industry expands, Kilpatrick Townsend is well positioned to be an invaluable legal and business partner with these companies.



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