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Tina Williams McKeon is a registered patent attorney who focuses her practice on patent prosecution, post-grant proceedings, IP strategy, and IP portfolio management for leading universities, research institutions, and corporations in the life sciences, pharmaceutical, and biotechnology fields. Her biotechnology experience includes neuroscience, immunology, therapeutic antibodies, oncolytic virus therapy, stem cell technology, and recombinant technologies in a variety of areas including food and food supplements. Dr. McKeon has worked extensively with medical technology and pharmaceuticals, including cardiac technology, imaging, and diagnostics as well as small molecule pharmaceuticals and biologics.

Dr. McKeon contributes her talent and time to a number of bioscience and medical device organizations. She has served on the boards of Southeast Bio and Metro Atlanta Red Cross and is the current co-chair of Southeast Life Sciences. From 2005 until 2016, she taught in the TI:GER® Program, a collaboration between Emory University School of Law and Georgia Institute of Technology, that focuses on technology commercialization in a multidisciplinary context. She is also a frequent lecturer regarding the role of intellectual property in entrepreneurship and has served as adjunct faculty at Emory Law School. Dr. McKeon is the author of more than 14 scientific publications.

Dr. McKeon was named an “Atlanta Lawyer of the Year” in 2018 for Biotechnology Law and in 2012 for Patent

Law by *The Best Lawyers in America*®. She was also listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Patent Law and Biotechnology and Life Sciences Law in 2021 and each of the 12 years immediately preceding. Dr. McKeon has been recognized annually since 2009 by *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers*, which stated she "has a respected postdoctoral academic background and is highly regarded for her 'great depth of knowledge', particularly in biotech matters." Dr. McKeon was named a Georgia "Super Lawyer" in 2020 and each of the 12 years immediately preceding, a "Top 50 Women Georgia Super Lawyer" in 2019 and each of the six years immediately preceding, and a "Top 100 Georgia Super Lawyer" in 2016 by *Super Lawyers* magazine. In 2020, she was recommended by *Legal 500 US* for Patent Prosecution. Dr. McKeon is a recipient of the 2019 SEBIO Leadership Award and the 2013 Georgia Bio Community Award. She was recognized by Georgia Bio for "being that rare combination of scientific expertise, legal acumen and sociability that affords her a broad role in the Georgia life sciences community." Dr. McKeon was named one of the "Top 10 IP Stars of the Top 250 Women in IP" in 2013 and 2016 and recognized as an "IP Star" in 2020 and the seven years immediately preceding by *Managing Intellectual Property* magazine. She was named as one of *Georgia Trend's* 2018 "Legal Elite" for Intellectual Property Law. Dr. McKeon was named a top patent practitioner in 2014-2020 by *IAM Patent 1000 – The World's Leading Patent Practitioners*. She was named by *Legal Media Group* in its 2014 and 2016-2019 Expert Guide to the World's Leading Women in Business Law. Dr. McKeon was selected as a "Life Science Star" in the 2016 edition of *LMG Life Sciences*. She is *AV Preeminent*® rated by Martindale-Hubbell.*

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Education

Emory University School of Law, J.D. *with distinction, Order of the Coif*

University of Alabama at Birmingham, Ph.D., Anatomy (Neuroscience)

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, B.S., Physical Therapy

Admissions

Georgia (1996)

Court Admissions

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (1999)

Clerkships

United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit - Stanley F. Birch (Sep 1996-Aug 1997)



Professional & Community Activities

Intellectual Property Section of the Georgia Bar, Chair (2013-2014); Section Officer (2009-2013); Committee Chair (2005-2009)

Atlanta Intellectual Property Inn of Court, Founding Committee, Member (2010-Present); Pupliage Group Leader (2011-2016)

BIO, Steering Committee, Member (2009)

American Red Cross of Greater Atlanta, Board of Directors (2016-2020); Chair (2020-2022)

SEBIO, Vice-Chair and Secretary (2017); Co-Chair of the SEBIO Investor and Partnering Forum (2014); Member of Planning Committee (2008-2016); Chair of the Early State Committee (2008-2013; 2015); Chair of the Program Committee (2016); Executive Committee (2012-2014, 2016-2020); Chair (2018-2019)

Georgia BIO, Board of Directors, Member (2008-2015); Chair of Programs and Events (2013-2014)

SEMDA, Member of Planning Committee for Annual Conference (2009-2010) and (2012-2013)

Family Division of Fulton County Superior Court, Guardian ad litem (2009-2016)

Insights

Perspectives

AdvanSE Life Sciences Conference Afternoon Keynote

December 3, 2020

News Releases

Record-Breaking Recognition for Kilpatrick Townsend in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2021

August 20, 2020

Webinars

PTAB Developments – How Recent Changes Should Affect Your Strategy

August 3, 2020

News Releases

Kilpatrick Townsend Receives Top Rankings in 2020 *Legal 500 US*

June 23, 2020

News Releases

Kilpatrick Townsend Attorneys Named 2020 Managing Intellectual Property IP Stars

June 1, 2020



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Kilpatrick Townsend Attorneys Named 2020 Georgia Super Lawyers

March 6, 2020

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Tina McKeon Wins Leadership Award at SEBIO Forum

November 15, 2019

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Kilpatrick Townsend at the 2019 ACC Annual Meeting

October 24, 2019

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Record-Breaking Recognition for Kilpatrick Townsend in *The Best Lawyers in America*® 2020

August 15, 2019

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5 Key Takeaways | PTAB Trials Insights and Strategies-Leveraging Recent Development at the PTAB

August 14, 2019

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PTAB Trials Insights and Strategies – Leveraging Recent Developments at the PTAB

August 6, 2019

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Kilpatrick Townsend Receives High Rankings in 2019 IAM Patent 1000

July 11, 2019

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Kilpatrick Townsend Attorneys Named 2019 Managing Intellectual Property IP Stars

June 17, 2019

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Kilpatrick Townsend Achieves Top-Tier Recognition from Chambers USA 2019

May 2, 2019



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6 Key Takeaways | Trends in Patent Law: Data and Observations on Patent Litigation and Prosecution

April 3, 2019

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Kilpatrick Townsend Achieves Recognition for 2019 Georgia Super Lawyers

February 28, 2019

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Kilpatrick Townsend Attorneys Named 2018 "Legal Elite"

December 31, 2018

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6 Key Takeaways | Post Grant Proceedings: Recent Developments & Precedential Proceedings

August 22, 2018

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Record-Breaking Recognition for Kilpatrick Townsend in The Best Lawyers in America® 2019

August 20, 2018

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Post Grant Proceedings – Recent Developments and Precedential Decisions

August 7, 2018

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Tribal Immunity Cannot Shield Patents from IPR

July 23, 2018

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Kilpatrick Townsend Recognized in 2018 IAM Patent 1000

July 2, 2018

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USPTO Guidance on Subject Matter Eligibility of Method of Treatment Claims

June 20, 2018



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Kilpatrick Townsend Attorneys Named 2018 Managing Intellectual Property IP Stars

June 19, 2018

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Kilpatrick Townsend Achieves Recognition From Chambers USA 2018

May 11, 2018

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Kilpatrick Townsend Once Again Achieves Recognition for 2018 Georgia Super Lawyers

February 28, 2018

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Kilpatrick Townsend's Tina McKeon Featured in the Daily Report re: "'You're Going to Fail'—and Other Great Advice for Rookie Lawyers"

October 31, 2017

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Kilpatrick Townsend Attorneys Recognized as World's Leading Women in Business Law

September 11, 2017

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Record-Breaking Recognition for Kilpatrick Townsend in The Best Lawyers in America® 2018

August 15, 2017

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Best Lawyers in America® Names Kilpatrick Townsend Attorneys 2018 Lawyers of the Year

August 16, 2017

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Kilpatrick Townsend Attorneys Named 2017 Managing Intellectual Property IP Stars

June 27, 2017

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Kilpatrick Townsend Receives High Rankings in 2017 IAM Patent 1000

June 8, 2017



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Kilpatrick Townsend Achieves Recognition From Chambers USA 2017

May 30, 2017

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Kilpatrick Townsend Once Again Achieves Recognition for 2017 Georgia Super Lawyers

February 28, 2017

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Kilpatrick Townsend's Media Report August 12-18, 2016

August 19, 2016

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Kilpatrick Townsend Earns Record-Breaking Recognition in Annual Best Lawyers in America 2017

August 16, 2016

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Rainmaker Q&A: Kilpatrick Townsend's Tina Williams McKeon

August 15, 2016

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Kilpatrick Townsend's Media Report June 24-30, 2016

July 1, 2016

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Tina McKeon and Lisa Pearson Named to Managing Intellectual Property's Top 250 Women in IP

June 2, 2016

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Kilpatrick Townsend Attorneys Named to 2016 IAM Patent 1000

June 2, 2016

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Kilpatrick Townsend Once Again Achieves Recognition From Chambers USA 2016

May 31, 2016



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Thirty-Two Kilpatrick Townsend Attorneys Named 2016 Managing Intellectual Property IP Stars
May 26, 2016

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Kilpatrick Townsend's Media Report April 15-21, 2016
April 22, 2016

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Kilpatrick Transforms Library Into Modern Collaboration Hub - With Latte
April 19, 2016

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Kilpatrick Townsend Earns Record-Breaking Recognition in Annual Best Lawyers in America 2016
August 19, 2015

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Kilpatrick Townsend's Media Report July 10-16, 2015
July 17, 2015

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Trends in Subject Matter Eligibility for Biotechnology Inventions
July 12, 2015

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Kilpatrick Townsend's Media Report June 19-25, 2015
June 26, 2015

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Twenty-Two Kilpatrick Townsend Attorneys Named to 2015 IAM Patent 1000
June 18, 2015

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Kilpatrick Townsend Once Again Achieves Recognition From Chambers USA 2015
May 22, 2015



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Twenty-Nine Kilpatrick Townsend Attorneys Named 2015 Managing Intellectual Property IP Stars

May 6, 2015

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Kilpatrick Townsend's Media Report April 17-23, 2015

April 24, 2015

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Kilpatrick Townsend Once Again Achieves Recognition for 2015 Georgia Super Lawyers

February 26, 2015

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UPDATE PTAB Denies Request to Use Covered Business Method Review for Orange Book-Listed Patents

January 16, 2015