

## Thomas D. Franklin

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### Services

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### Industries

Blockchain Technology & Digital

Currency

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Energy

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Media & Entertainment

Technology

Thomas Franklin focuses his practice on patent prosecution, licensing and intellectual capital management with more than 20 years of experience with intellectual property. He is experienced in intellectual property audits, due diligence and strategic planning processes. Through an IP Asset Management plan, he tailors strategy to business goals, competitive pressures and funding constraints to leverage intangible assets with intellectual property. He uses IP protection to maintain the dominance of large companies or assist smaller enterprises who are vying to dominate. Recognized by *Chambers USA*, sources noted Mr. Franklin as “a brilliant and intelligent attorney who knows IP law inside out.”

Mr. Franklin's technical experience broadly covers the areas of software, blockchain technology, Internet technology, content delivery, business methods, clean technology, circuit design, imaging arrays, cryptographic design, telecommunications, electronic design tools, wireless communications, networking and telemetry systems.

Prior to entering the field of law, Mr. Franklin spent nine years working in semiconductor fabrication facilities at the Naval Ocean Systems Center and Hughes Aircraft and several more as a senior engineer for Lockheed



Martin. At Lockheed, he managed engineering projects involving the design of complex wireless data links, ASIC/FPGA design, digital circuits, satellite transponders, and encrypted data links.

Mr. Franklin has been recognized by *Chambers USA* in 2019 and the three years immediately preceding. He was listed by *The Best Lawyers in America*® in 2020 and the five years immediately preceding for patent law. He was recognized as an “IP Star” in 2019 and the four years immediately preceding by *Managing Intellectual Property* magazine. Mr. Franklin is a recipient of the 2016 Client Choice Award USA & Canada from Lexology and the International Law Office. He was recognized as a top patent practitioner in 2019 and the six years immediately preceding by *IAM Patent 1000*. In 2017, 2018 and 2019, Mr. Franklin was listed in the *IAM Strategy 300: The World's Leading IP Strategists*. He was recognized as a Colorado “Super Lawyer” in 2019 and the five years immediately preceding for intellectual property by *Super Lawyers* magazine. The San Diego State University Alumni Association recognized and honored him with the 2014 Distinguished Alumni Award from the College of Engineering. Mr. Franklin was named a Lawyer of the Year in 2012 by *Law Week Colorado*. He was honored along with other Colorado Bar IP Section members, for their successful effort to bring a patent office to Denver. He was the project lead on the team that helped Denver become one of only four cities to land a new U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. He worked countless hours to fulfill his vision of multiple patent offices to improve patent quality through multiple offices that can hire the brightest and best examiners.

## **Education**

University of San Diego School of Law, J.D. (1997)

San Diego State University, B.S., Electrical and Computer Engineering (1990) *summa cum laude*

## **Admissions**

Colorado (1997)

Not admitted in the District of Columbia, practicing under the supervision of a member of the District of Columbia Bar

## **Court Admissions**

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (1998)

U.S. Supreme Court

## **Professional & Community Activities**

Colorado Bar Association, Member

San Diego State University, College of Engineering, Advisory Board Member

DaVinci Institute, Futurist Think Tank, Advisory Board



## Insights

### Perspectives

Kilpatrick Townsend at the 2019 ACC Annual Meeting

October 24, 2019

### Publications

Are Your State's Construction Laws Ready for Bitcoin and Other Cryptocurrencies?

October 7, 2019

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Blockchain and Smart Contracts Could Solve Unsolvable Construction Problem

September 11, 2019

### In The News

Five-Year Scorecard: A Look at Successes and Challenges of Denver's U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

August 15, 2019

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Atlanta Is a Hotbed for Auto Innovation

August 15, 2019

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Kilpatrick Townsend Receives High Rankings in 2019 IAM Patent 1000

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Patenting Trends Study | IPWatchdog Series

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Innovator Indicators

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Foreign Filers Rush to Patent Emerging Technologies in U.S.

May 7, 2019

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Kilpatrick Townsend Achieves Top-Tier Recognition from Chambers USA 2019

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New Patenting Trends Study Helps Corporate America Forecast the Future of Technology

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Video | Kilpatrick Townsend and GreyB Services Patenting Trends Study

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Patenting Trends Study

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Video | Kilpatrick Townsend Patent Trends Study Teaser

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March 25, 2019

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March 4, 2019

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May 31, 2018

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IP Issues Surrounding Blockchain Technology Implementation  
May 14, 2018



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Blockchain, Patents and Open Source Software

April 18, 2018

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March 27, 2018

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Kilpatrick Townsend's Tom Franklin Quoted by Law360 re: "How To Avoid The Hurdles Of Patenting Blockchain Tech"

March 9, 2018

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10 Considerations For Blockchain Patent Applications

February 27, 2018

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Ethical Issues Framed Within Intellectual Property Law Case Studies: An Interactive Roundtable Discussion

December 6, 2017

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The Increasingly Powerful PTAB: Underutilized Precedential Designations Undermines Efficiency and Consistency

September 14, 2017

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Patent Analytics: Trends, Reality and Avoiding Rejections

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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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Key Takeaways: Software Patent Prosecution Requires Data-Based Strategies Due to Patent Office Inconsistencies

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Securitizing of Artists' and Athletes' Careers

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December 8, 2016

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KT is...Trending, November 19 - December 2, 2016

December 5, 2016

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Top Takeaways: Best Ways to Address Section 101 Patent Eligibility

December 2, 2016

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Kilpatrick Townsends Tom Franklin Quoted by Law Week Colorado re: "In the World of IP Litigation"

November 28, 2016

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Key Takeaways from 2016 ACC Annual Meeting

October 27, 2016

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IP Assets on the Offensive: Arming Your IP for Corporate Strategic Battles

October 17, 2016

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Kilpatrick Townsend's Media Report September 16-22, 2016

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Kilpatrick Townsend's Media Report September 9-15, 2016

September 16, 2016

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The AIA's First-to-File Transition SHOULD have Resulted in More Provisional Filings

September 14, 2016

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Fundamentals of Patent Prosecution 2016: A Boot Camp for Claim Drafting & Amendment Writing

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Kilpatrick Townsend Once Again Achieves Recognition From Chambers USA 2016

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

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Prosecution – Software and EE

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More Applicants Should Use the First Action Interview Program

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Patent Prosecution Highway Overview & Applicant Experience

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In Person Interview Capability with All Examiners

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Four Kilpatrick Townsend Attorneys Receive 2016 ILO Client Choice Awards

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Pillar II: Excellence in Measuring Patent Quality

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Pillar III: Excellence in Customer Service

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Only 1 in 20,631 Ex Parte Appeals Designated Precedential by PTAB

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To File a CON? Empirical Popularity and Prosecution Outcomes

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Kilpatrick Townsend Earns Record-Breaking Recognition in Annual Best Lawyers in America 2016

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

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Kilpatrick Townsend Client, HeadDEFENDER, Wins Gold Medal at 2015 Invention and New Product Expo

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

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

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The Demise Of SAWS And The Power Of Public Attention

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Six Kilpatrick Townsend Attorneys Named 2015 Colorado Super Lawyers

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PTO Cuts Secretive SAWS Patent Program

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The U.S. Government Just Eliminated Its Secret System for Stalling Patents

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U.S. Ends Program Flagging 'Sensitive' Patent Requests

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Further Details of USPTO's SAWS Program Revealed

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Data Shows Impact of PTO's Secretive Patent Program

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New Data Shows Extent of Patent System Slowdown

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Kilpatrick Townsend's Media Report December 19, 2014 - January 8, 2015

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January 5, 2015



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