

John P. Jett

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Services

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Media & Entertainment
Retail & Consumer Goods
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John Jett focuses his practice on commercial and intellectual property litigation. He represents individuals and companies, as both plaintiffs and defendants, in disputes before state and federal courts as well as in arbitration. John primarily represents intellectual property owners operating in the retail, franchising, technology, and entertainment industries. Representative clients include AT&T, Aaron's, Fidelity Information Systems, Global Cellular, Morehouse University, NewPoint Media, the Estate of Martin Luther King, Jr., Gladys Knight, and ThinkFactory Productions. While representing plaintiffs, he has recovered millions of dollars on behalf of deserving businesses and individuals. While representing defendants, he has defeated numerous major claims, often through dismissals or summary judgments.

John has served as first chair at trial, arbitration, and on appeal. Many of his cases have presented complicated contractual issues, including disputes about license agreements, restrictive covenants, and leases. He is likewise experienced in litigating statutory claims, including suits arising from the theft of trade secrets, false advertising, unfair trade practices, as well as laws designed to protect consumers, such as the TCPA, FDCPA, and FCRA. John has successfully represented defendants in more than a dozen class actions throughout the United States.

John has devoted many hundreds of hours to the firm's *pro bono* efforts. He has represented charitable organizations (e.g., the Urban League of Greater Atlanta, the Atlanta History Center, and Compassion House)



and persons of low income in proceedings across Georgia in matters ranging from federal civil rights to DUI defense.

John is also involved in the bar and the community. He is a graduate of the Anti-Defamation League's Glass Leadership Program, vice-president of the Atlanta Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, and a past co-chair of the Litigation Section of the State Bar of Georgia's Younger Lawyers Division.

Clients have described John as an "effective, ethical, and highly professional civil litigator" with "excellent legal and professional judgment," and an "outstanding advocate" who "cares deeply about his clients." He has been selected by his peers to act as a private mediator, and he has also served as a court-appointed special master. In 2015, the *Fulton County Daily Report* named him as an attorney "On the Rise." As a notable up-and-coming litigation attorney in the U.S., John was named to *Benchmark Litigation's* "40 & Under Hot List" in 2018. He was recognized as a Georgia "Rising Star" in 2019 and the six years immediately preceding by *Super Lawyers* magazine. John was recognized as a 2016 "Legal Elite" by *Georgia Trend* for Business Law. He was named the exclusive winner of the 2017 Client Choice Award for the state of Georgia in the area of Litigation and is AV[®] rated by Martindale-Hubbell.*

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Experience

Defended numerous suits – including more than a dozen class actions – brought under the TCPA, FCRA, FDCPA, and various unfair and deceptive trade practices laws.

Represented a national telecommunications company in a putative nationwide class action alleging improper "cramming" of services. Class certification was defeated.

Represented numerous national franchisors in disputes with vendors, franchisees, landlords, and manufacturers.

Represented community bank in ERISA class action.

Represented *Fortune* 10 company in pre-suit negotiation to enforce licensing rights.

Represented licensor in licensing dispute regarding international manufacturing agreement.

Represented trade secrets owner in dispute with competitor.



Represented telecommunications company in litigation with landlord and major utility.

Represented franchisor in AAA arbitration in which franchisor recovered its damages and attorneys' fees and paid nothing on the franchisee's counterclaim.

Represented multi-unit tenant in multi-jurisdictional litigation with mall developer.

Represented a real estate development firm in action arising from a dispute with a law firm in San Diego.

Represented major companies, including regional banks and *Fortune* 100 corporations, in quashing, modifying, and responding to often onerous requests for sensitive information.

Education

University of Georgia School of Law, J.D. (2008) *cum laude*

Stanford University, B.A. (2005) *with distinction, Phi Beta Kappa*

Admissions

Georgia (2008)

Court Admissions

Georgia Court of Appeals

Georgia Supreme Court

U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado

U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia

U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Georgia

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Georgia

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

United States Supreme Court

Professional & Community Activities

Atlanta International Arbitration Society (AtIAS), Member (2018-Present)

University of Georgia School of Law, Law School Alumni Association Council, Member (2015-2017)



Executive Board of the Atlanta Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, Vice-President (2017-Present), Secretary (2017), Treasurer (2016-2017), Membership Chair (2013-2014), Young Lawyers Chair (2011-2013)

Executive Council of the State Bar of Georgia's Younger Lawyers Division, Member (2010-2014), Litigation Section Co-Chair (2013-2014); Service to the Bar Award (2014)

Urban League of Greater Atlanta, Pro Bono General Counsel (2013-2015)

Anti-Defamation League, Glass Leadership Program, Participant (2013-2014)

Stanford Alumni Club of Atlanta, Member (2008-Present)

Executive Board of the Atlanta Chapter of The Federalist Society, Vice-President (2014-2016), Membership Chair (2010-2013)

Lumpkin Inn of Court, Barrister (2011-2013); Pupil (2007-2008)

Lamar Inn of Court, Barrister (2011-2013)

Lawyers Club of Atlanta, Member (2012-2015)

Atlanta Bar Association, Member (2013-Present)

North Fulton Bar Association, Member (2014-2015)

Executive Board of the National Chapter of the Federal Bar Association's Younger Lawyers Division, Member for the Eleventh Circuit (2012-2013)

Insights

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High Court Pulls Plug on Counties' Call for \$100M in 911 Charges

March 5, 2019

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Kilpatrick Townsend Achieves Recognition for 2019 Georgia Super Lawyers

February 28, 2019

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Three Kilpatrick Townsend Attorneys Named to 2018 Benchmark 40 & Under Hot List

July 18, 2018

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February 28, 2018

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February 28, 2017

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Top Takeaways: 3 “Secrets of Trade Secrets”
February 27, 2017

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How Companies Can Keep Their Sensitive Information Away from Adversaries but Still Cooperate with Auditors
February 16, 2017

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Recent Changes To Federal Discovery, Has Anything Actually Changed?
February 10, 2017

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Kilpatrick Townsends John Jett a 2017 Client Choice Award Recipient
February 9, 2017

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Kilpatrick Townsend Attorneys Named 2016 “Legal Elite”
January 23, 2017

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Top Takeaways: 2016 American Bar Association Forum on Franchising
November 14, 2016

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What You Need to Know About the New Defend Trade Secrets Act
November 10, 2016

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Pawn to d4: Opening Moves in Franchise Litigation
November 4, 2016



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KT is...Trending, October 15-21, 2016

October 24, 2016

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Transatlantic Transactions: Minimizing Risk, Maximizing Value

September 15, 2016

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Kilpatrick Townsend's Media Report August 26 - September 1, 2016

September 2, 2016

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Chorley Enterprises, Inc. v. Dickey's Barbecue Restaurants, Inc.: Arbitration Provisions in Maryland Franchise Agreements

June 2, 2016

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A Few Highlights From The Newly-Enacted Federal Defend Trade Secrets Act

May 18, 2016

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Kilpatrick Townsend's Media Report April 22-28, 2016

April 29, 2016

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Kilpatrick Townsend's Media Report January 28 - February 4, 2016

February 4, 2016

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Kilpatrick Townsend's Media Report January 15-21, 2016

January 22, 2016

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Kilpatrick Townsend Elects New Partners in Atlanta

January 6, 2016



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Kilpatrick Townsend's Media Report December 11-24, 2015

December 24, 2015

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Kilpatrick Townsend's Media Report September 25 - October 1, 2015

October 2, 2015

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Kilpatrick Townsend's Media Report September 11-24, 2015

September 25, 2015

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Kilpatrick Townsends John Jett Named One of Georgias Attorneys "On the Rise"

September 18, 2015

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Kilpatrick Townsend's John Jett Named a 40 Under 40 Legal Rising Star to Watch by the Daily Report

September 16, 2015

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Kilpatrick Townsends John Jett Appointed to the University of Georgia School of Law's Law School Alumni Association Council

September 10, 2015

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NLRB Issues Joint Employer Decision Potentially Affecting Franchisors

August 28, 2015

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Kilpatrick Townsend's Media Report August 14-27, 2015

August 28, 2015

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Kilpatrick Townsend's Media Report June 26 - July 9, 2015

July 10, 2015



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It's Not Too Late to Avoid Early

June 9, 2015

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Kilpatrick Townsend's Media Report May 15-21, 2015

May 22, 2015

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The Once and Future Royalty: Recovery of Lost Future Royalties Upon Termination by Franchisor

May 18, 2015

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Kilpatrick Townsend's Media Report May 8-14, 2015

May 15, 2015

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Kilpatrick Townsend's Media Report March 13-19, 2015

March 20, 2015

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Kilpatrick Townsend Once Again Achieves Recognition for 2015 Georgia Super Lawyers

February 26, 2015