

## John A. Hughes

### Partner

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### Services

Advertising Counseling & Disputes  
Brand Licensing & Related  
Transactions  
Clearance & Portfolio Management  
Copyright Litigation & Counseling  
Intellectual Property  
Online & Digital Enforcement  
Trademark, Copyright &  
Advertising

### Industries

Energy  
Health & Life Sciences  
Technology

John Hughes is a partner in the Trademark and Copyright practice at Kilpatrick Townsend. A seasoned foreign and domestic trademark and copyright counselor, prosecutor and litigator, Mr. Hughes represents a variety of clients in diverse industries that include computer software and hardware, biotechnology, retail, restaurants, health food, chocolate, and wine.

Mr. Hughes is recognized as primary trademark counsel for such notable companies as University of California, Nexant, Guittard Chocolate, Buck Knives, Unity Biotechnology and the Flora Springs, Cache Creek and Stuhlmuller wineries. His copyright clients include Williams-Sonoma, Clif Bar, Dolby Laboratories and the poet Margaret Fishback Powers. His pro bono clients include Sustainable Surf and The Body Positive, Mr. Hughes is U.S. trademark counsel to many international law firms, and has many notable litigation milestones.

In 2014, Mr. Hughes was recommended by *Legal 500 US* for Non-Contentious Trademark Law. He was named by Legal Media to its *2012 and 2014 Guide to the World's Leading Trademark Law Practitioners*.

### Experience

Copyright and trademark counseling regarding graphic and font designs, photographs, text, music, etc. for LeapFrog Enterprises, Inc.

Represented Spectravest, Inc., an apparel manufacturer, in more than 100 cases and more than 50 TRO's



granted.

Computer software copyright counseling and prosecution for Dolby Laboratories, Nexant, the University of California, and many others.

Trademark counseling and portfolio management to Oracle (enterprise software), Dignity Health (healthcare), Nexant, Inc. (energy sector software), Guittard Chocolate, Buck Knives, Fish Six Corp (dba "THE MELT") (restaurants), Unity Biotechnology (pharmaceuticals) and the Flora Springs, Cache Creek and Stuhlmuller wineries.

Copyright and Trademark enforcement, licensing & prosecution regarding the trademark and poem "Footprints in the Sand" by Margaret Fishback Powers.

Copyright counseling and prosecution of graphic, sculptural and architectural building designs for Williams-Sonoma.

Copyright counseling and prosecution of graphic designs of packaging for Clif Bar.

### **Education**

University of California, Hastings College of the Law J.D. (1985)

Western Michigan University M.A. (1978) Future Studies, *with honors*

Western Michigan University B.A. (1976) Future Studies, *magna cum laude*

### **Admissions**

California (1987)

### **Court Admissions**

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Central District of California

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

### **Professional & Community Activities**

Bar Association of San Francisco

Copyright Law Society



International Trademark Association

San Francisco Intellectual Property Law Association

## Insights

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Kilpatrick Townsend Attorneys Garner 36 Rankings on the 2022 International Who's Who of Business Lawyers  
October 24, 2022

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Kilpatrick Townsend Attorneys Garner 37 Rankings on the 2021 International Who's Who of Business Lawyers  
October 29, 2021

### [News Releases](#)

Kilpatrick Townsend Attorneys Achieve 41 Individual Rankings on the 2019–2020 International Who's Who of Business Lawyers  
November 12, 2020

### [News](#)

Kilpatrick Townsend Ranked Among Top-Three in the World for Trademark by 2018 Who's Who Legal  
October 8, 2018

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Forty-Four Kilpatrick Townsend Attorneys Named to 2017 - 2018 International Who's Who of Business Lawyers  
March 19, 2018