

Shackelford, Bowen, McKinley & Norton Partner Among Billboard's Top Music Lawyers

Nashville partner Lauren Kilgore recognized for her 'Talent and Litigation' work

DALLAS – Shackelford, Bowen, McKinley & Norton, LLP entertainment and business litigation partner Lauren Kilgore has been selected to *Billboard* magazine's 2020 listing of the nation's leading music attorneys.

Billboard's 2020 Top Music Lawyers list recognizes attorneys who are on the front lines of the music industry's legal battles and deals in a time marked by economic and social upheaval due to the global pandemic.

Kilgore, a partner in Shackelford's Nashville office, is among the attorneys recognized for their "Talent and Litigation" practices. She has been instrumental in helping identify new business models to help record label and performing artist clients weather the coronavirus shutdown.

Kilgore's practice focuses on complex litigation and sophisticated entertainment and business issues involving license agreements, trademarks, copyrights, rights of publicity, general releases, distribution agreements, publishing agreements, recording agreements, artist development agreements, and management agreements. She also handles online media issues and crisis management for individuals and corporate clients.

The Top Music Lawyers for 2020 were selected by Billboard editors, based upon such factors as peer and colleague nominations, and the representation of clients with a notable music industry impact as measured by charts, sales

and streaming performances. Recognition covers six categories including Talent and Litigation, Major Music Groups, Streaming, Live, Music Publishing, and Performing Rights. The entire list can be found in the July 25, 2020, issue of Billboard or online.