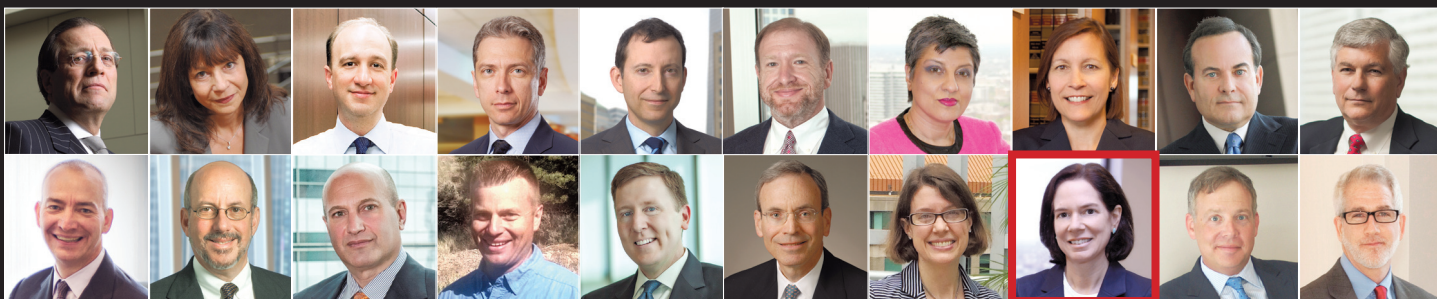


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A SPECIAL REPORT

Even law firms rooted in the 19th and early 20th centuries—and steeped in traditional practices—have become leaders on the latest trends in intellectual property law, fiercely battling a decidedly 21st century development, patent trolls. We received dozens of nominations for our annual list of the hottest IP firms, and after extensive research concluded the 20 listed below deserved the accolade. Many rank among the most venerable in the country. Apparently that's no bar to life on the cutting edge.

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Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP

Its clients are clear: Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr, LLP born of a 2004 marriage between Hale and Dorr and Wilmer Cutler & Pickering, ranks among the country's leading intellectual property firms. Of its 1,143

attorneys, 60 are IP partners and 108 IP associates (150 hold technical degrees). The firm reinforced its reputation during 2013 as an IP litigation powerhouse, representing household-name clients in major patent litigation.

Among them was Monsanto Co., maker of Roundup Ready weed-resistant soybeans. WilmerHale helped secure a victory for Monsanto in *Bowman v. Monsanto Co.* before the U.S. Supreme Court. The justices affirmed decisions by federal circuit and district courts that producing new crops of soybeans containing Monsanto's patented weed-resistant trait without its permission was infringement.

In a case involving generic-drug manufacturers Teva Pharmaceuticals USA Inc. and Sun Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., WilmerHale attorneys won a \$2.15 billion settlement for Pfizer Inc. involving its gastroesophageal reflux disease drug Protonix. For Apple Inc., the firm persuaded the office of U.S. Trade Representative to overturn the International Trade Commission's ban on imports of the iPhone 4 and iPad 2 in Apple's epic struggle with Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd. For GlaxoSmithKline PLC, the firm successfully defended a patent on drugs used to treat prostate enlargement.

Apple general counsel Bruce Sewell called WilmerHale "one of the best litigation firms in the country at the moment, particularly in IP and tech issues. The quality of the lawyers is first-rate." And the Glaxo case "exemplifies our ability to fully understand the technical issues, but also explain and present them in a way that's clear and understandable," said Lisa Pirozzolo, a WilmerHale co-chair of the firm's IP Litigation Practice and a lead attorney on that matter.

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FIRM FACTS:

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