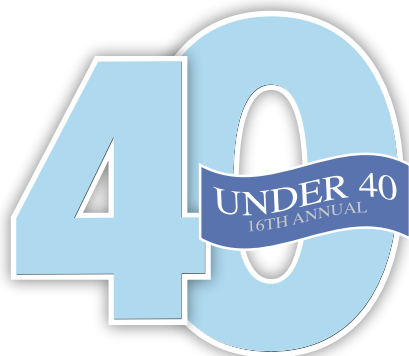


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JOSEPH MUELLER

Partner; field of specialty: international property litigation, WilmerHale



Age: 39

Education: Bachelor's degree in government, Harvard University, 1996; Boston College Law School, 2000

Residence: Rockport

Recent favorite book: "Going Clear," by Lawrence Wright

Favorite movie: "The Godfather"

Favorite authors: Cormac McCarthy and John Le Carre

Musical artist: Bruce Springsteen

For an intellectual-property lawyer, Joseph Mueller couldn't have been involved in a more high-profile case: Apple vs. Samsung. As a partner at Boston's WilmerHale, Mueller was the youngest member of a legal team representing



Apple in its historic patent-infringement case last year against Samsung, which Apple claimed had copied its iconic iPhone and iPad products. Apple ultimately won that civil trial, though the case is still winding its way through the appeals process.

"There was just enormous press attention," recalls Mueller, who questioned a

number of witnesses in the jury trial in California. "You'd walk into the courtroom and see dozens of reporters, taking down and tweeting

every word people would say. It was pretty amazing."

And it's been a pretty amazing career in general for Mueller, today a partner within WilmerHale's litigation-controversy department and a member of the IP litigation and appellate and Supreme Court litigation groups. He was elected to WilmerHale's partnership in 2008—just four years after he joined the firm.

According to colleagues, Mueller's practice is noteworthy for his extensive and high-profile trial experience at a young age and his unusual experience in international proceedings. He's also deeply committed to pro bono work for those in need and has served as an adjunct law professor at the Boston College Law School, colleagues say.

Mueller, who is married and has three children, said he's simply in a very exciting legal field these days.

"I really enjoy this area of law," he said. "It's intellectually interesting. You get to research the technology, talk to all the people and then go to trial. I'll be doing this for a while."

— Jay Fitzgerald