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## INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY HOT LIST

A SPECIAL REPORT

This week we recognize 15 law firms that accomplish great things in the realm of intellectual property law. We asked our readers to suggest firms that won major cases during 2014—both in dollars and impact—and received dozens of replies. We also conducted our own extensive research to identify the firms you'll find profiled here. They range from major firms with 1,000 or more lawyers to smaller shops that do IP law exclusively.



LISA PIROZZOLO

### WilmerHale

With dozens of attorneys who hold advanced degrees in everything from molecular biology to computer engineering, intellectual property lawyers at Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr can handle just about any subject in any forum.

"One of our strengths is the breadth of our practice, from top to bottom and side to side," said Mark Selwyn, who co-chairs the IP litigation practice with Lisa Pirozzolo. Pirozzolo added, "We work on teams that combine folks with really high-level training and technically advanced degrees with litigators who specialize in presenting facts and the law."

Firm lawyers racked up a series of wins in 2014 that demonstrated their versatility.

Two victories were on behalf of Apple Inc. WilmerHale partners William Lee,

Mark Fleming and Lauren Fletcher saved the company \$368 million after the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit in September set aside a Texas federal jury verdict that Apple infringed four patents held by VirnetX Holding Corp. The appeals court ordered a new trial based on faulty claim construction, and rejected VirnetX's damages theory. The win "helped clarify and confirm what is the appropriate royalty base when the product at issue has multiple features," Selwyn said.

WilmerHale and Apple were also on the winning side when a California federal jury in May 2014 ordered Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd. to pay \$120 million for infringing three of Apple's iPhone patents.

The firm delivered for medical technology company Becton, Dickinson & Co. in an inter partes review before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, knocking out all claims by a rival catheter patent owned by One StockDuo Holdings LLC.

—JENNA GREENE

#### FIRM FACTS:

- **Headquarters:** Boston, Washington
- **Total attorneys:** 1,106 ■ **IP partners:** 65 ■ **IP associates:** 107