WilmerHale nets federal prosecutor

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Timothy Perry has joined WilmerHale as counsel in the firm's securities and litigation/controversy departments in Los Angeles.

Before moving, Perry, 35, served as a prosecutor at the US Attorney's Office in San Diego where he worked on a variety of complex white-collar criminal cases, including an insider trading case against two former executives at semiconductor manufacturer Qualcomm. They both pleaded guilty this year.

He was also involved in a related insider trading case against two other former Qualcomm executives.

Perry said he joined WilmerHale since its investigations practice is the "gold standard" because it attracted people like former Federal Bureau of Investigations director Robert Mueller.

While serving as a prosecutor, Perry worked closely with the US Securities and Exchange Commission and brought FCPA, money laundering and securities fraud cases.

Perry said: "As a prosecutor in San Diego, it was also my job to look at incoming FCPA and securities cases and advise on whether we should pursue a criminal investigation."

He said he worked on cases where he cooperated with foreign authorities such as Hong Kong's justice department on an international trade fraud and money laundering case.

Randall Lee, head of WilmerHale's Los Angeles office, said: "His trial skills, investigative experience and insights into the Department of Justice will be of

great value to our clients who face significant government investigations and enforcement actions."

Perry joined the firm in October. In Los Angeles, there are four partners and six counsel in WilmerHale's litigation/controversy department and two partners and three counsel in the firm's securities practice.

US Attorney for the Southern District of California Laura Duffy said Perry was "among the highest-calibre federal prosecutors" in the DoJ. "He had a rare ability to tackle challenging cases with a savvy use of investigative techniques and the law."