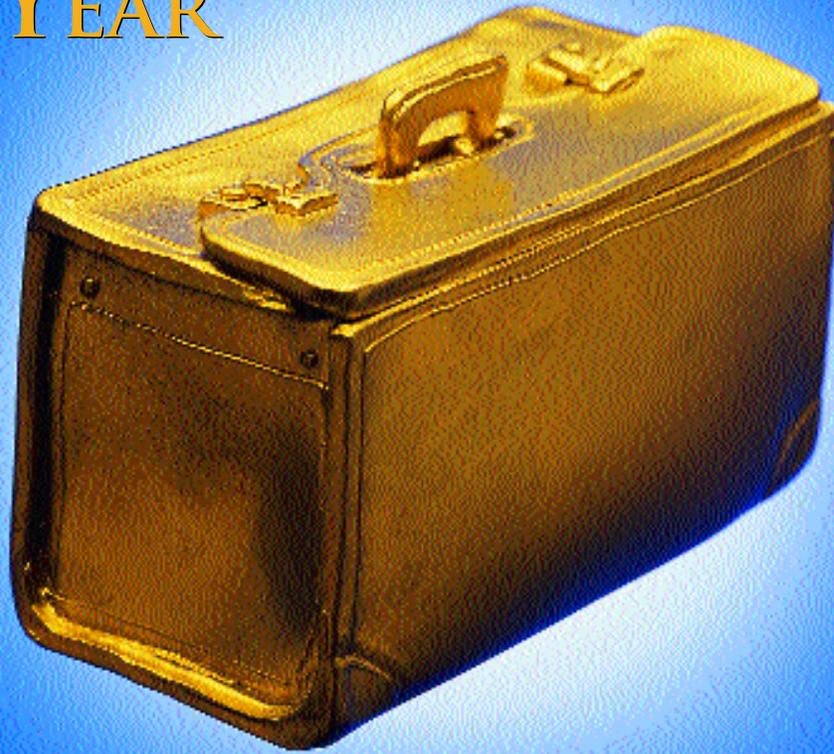


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# Lee & Company

HALE AND DORR'S CRACK IP PRACTICE IS MORE THAN A ONE-MAN SHOW.

By Helen Coster

**A**S A TRIAL LAWYER, William Lee is in select company. He is on the shortlist of many companies when they face big troubles. But he also has a long bench at Hale and Dorr's 76-person IP litigation practice group. Consider the second week of November 2002. In Boston, Partner Lisa Pirozzolo was representing Massachusetts General Hospital in an IP-related arbitration with drug company Centocor, Inc. In Washington, D.C., Partners Wayne Stoner, Cynthia Vreeland, and William McElwain were handling the closing of a \$1.8 billion International Trade Commission dispute between Nikon Corporation and their client, ASML Holding N.V., over patents covering the lithography machines that sketch the circuitry on semiconductor chips. The following day in Wilmington, Stoner and Merriann Panarella began trying a patent case between Genzyme Corporation and client Atrium Medical Corporation. Hale and Dorr won all three cases. While Lee was directly involved in all of them, his partners did most of the work.

If Lee, 53, isn't Superman, it's only because he doesn't like blue tights. He runs the firm and manages a heavy docket. Clients seem to love him. "He's a lawyer, a teacher, a politician, and a strategist," says Thomas Bucknum, Executive Vice President and General Counsel of Cambridge, Massachusetts-based Biogen Idec Inc.

Between January 2002 and July 2003, Lee tried six cases to verdict. He won all but one, a confidential arbitration. He also



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<b>PRACTICE GROUP</b>	Partners: 26 Associates: 50
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<b>GROUP AS PERCENT OF FIRM</b>	Partners: 15% Associates: 19%
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**ON THE DOCKET** Represents Red Hat against SCO Group in court battle over the control of Linux. Also, handling Gemstar-TV Guide's appeal of an International Trade Commission patent dispute. The firm did not do the trial.

argued eight appeals, including seven to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Of those eight, he won five, lost one, and is awaiting decisions on two more.

The appellate loss was his defense of Gen-Probe Incorporated in a biotechnology dispute with Enzo Biochem, Inc. Lee won at trial by arguing that the plaintiff had not

FROM LEFT: WILLIAM McELWAIN, WAYNE STONER, JAMES QUARLES III, WILLIAM LEE, CYNTHIA VREELAND, WILLIAM DISALVATORE

satisfied the requirement that a patent describe an invention in writing. A Federal Circuit panel agreed, but then flip-flopped following criticism from biotech lawyers. Sometimes even Superman stumbles.

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