
Washington DC

WilmerHale's Washington DC office helps clients conquer challenges occurring at the intersection of law, government and politics.

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Solving Washington problems requires a broad range of skills including regulatory experience, policy advocacy, litigation, and the drafting and negotiation of agreements. It also requires the ability to craft an integrated approach to deal with multiple decision makers in Congress, the Executive Branch and the courts, as well as with the media. The WilmerHale Washington DC office offers unique capabilities in addressing Washington problems because the firm has deep substantive experience across the regulatory areas of greatest concern to business and because it has emphasized an integrated approach to problem-solving throughout its history.

We are frequently asked to address the acute business needs of a company while, at the same time, helping to achieve longer term alignment between the policy environment in which a company operates and its business model. Whether seeking to change or challenge a regulation, structuring a business strategy that depends on government support or forbearance, negotiating and clearing a deal in a regulated environment, reaching a legislative solution to a problem, addressing a congressional inquiry, handling a sensitive multi-pronged issue with significant political or public relations risk, or confronting urgent media inquiries on high-profile matters, clients routinely need the multi-dimensional representation that our firm offers.

More than 100 of our lawyers have had high-level government experience—a record unmatched by any other firm. We count among our partners a United States Trade Representative, a Deputy

Attorney General, a Solicitor General, a Deputy Solicitor General, Assistant Attorneys General for both the Office of Legal Counsel and the Civil Division, Deputy Assistant Attorneys General for the Antitrust Division, General Counsel of the Departments of Defense and of the Navy, an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, a Chief of Enforcement at the Securities and Exchange Commission, General Counsels of both the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Intelligence Agency, and many senior officials from the Federal Trade Commission, the Federal Communications Commission, the Department of State, and other agencies of government. View a list of lawyers with high-government experience.

As the Washington metropolitan area increasingly becomes a technology and biotech hub, we have the knowledge and institutional capacity to offer a broad range of services to clients in the technology sector, particularly in the area of intellectual property where protecting intellectual assets is becoming increasingly important. Our deep experience working with technology companies allows us to counsel companies through the entire business lifecycle, from startup to public company, and beyond. We serve clients in a wide array of industries and practice areas through our Washington office including antitrust and competition, aviation, bankruptcy and commercial, communications, corporate, defense, national security, government contracts, environmental, FDA, intellectual property, international trade and market access, labor and employment, litigation and arbitration, real estate, securities enforcement and regulation, and tax.



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