
MIP Names WilmerHale Patent Contentious Firm of the Year and Natalie Hanlon Leh Colorado's Outstanding IP Litigator of the Year

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WilmerHale was named as the 2016 Patent Contentious Firm of the Year—both nationally and in the Northeast—and Partner [Natalie Hanlon Leh](#) as the Colorado Outstanding IP Litigator of the Year at the annual *Managing IP (MIP)* North American Awards event held on March 17 in Washington DC. In addition, the firm was recognized for its role in two “Milestone Cases of the Year:” *Akamai Technologies v. Limelight Network* (Fed. Circuit, August 2015), in which the firm argued on behalf of Akamai, and *Authors Guild v. Google* (Court of the Appeals for the Second Circuit, October 2015) in which the firm represented Google.

The awards were given on the heels of the release of the annual *MIP* patent rankings, published earlier this month, in which WilmerHale was ranked as a tier one firm in the PTAB litigation (USPTO), bio/life sciences and patent contentious categories, and in the second tier in the ITC category.

These rankings and awards are based on more than six months of analysis by *MIP*'s team of researchers, who conduct hundreds of interviews with IP practitioners and IP owners in North America. More information can be found by visiting managingip.com.