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## WilmerHale Attorneys Recognized in *Law Week Colorado's* Annual "Barrister's Best" Awards

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WilmerHale attorneys in the Denver office have been recognized with five "Barrister's Best" awards from *Law Week Colorado*, tied for the most of any law firm in the state. Five partners in the office were deemed "the best of the best" by Denver's legal community and the editors of *Law Week Colorado*.

The winners are:

**Ben Fernandez**, a partner in the office's IP Practice, was named Best Intellectual Property Lawyer. *Law Week Colorado* noted, "Fernandez is making a repeat appearance on our Barrister's Best list after being selected ... in 2017 as well. Fernandez's work includes experience in most areas of patent work as well as in a number of industries. Add in his work with ProBoPat Colorado, which helps provide pro bono patent work for low-income investors, it's no surprise he's so popular in the patent world."

**Natalie Hanlon Leh**, the co-partner-in-charge of the Denver office, was selected as Best Intellectual Property Litigator. *Law Week Colorado* noted, "Since coming onto the Denver scene several years ago, WilmerHale has made a name as a powerhouse IP firm. And as co-partner-in-charge and a renowned IP litigator, it sure seems like Hanlon Leh has something to do with that. One of the many votes cast for Hanlon Leh said the competition is 'not even close' – and it seems that plenty of Colorado attorneys agree."

**Andy Spielman**, the co-partner-in-charge of the Denver office and the chair of the firm's global Energy, Environment and Natural Resources (EENR) Practice, was honored as Best Renewable Energy Lawyer. *Law Week Colorado* noted, "Spielman has added 'global' to his title of chair of WilmerHale's energy, environment and natural resources practice. Chairing is something he has an affinity for, as he's also a former chair of the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission."

**Keith Trammell**, who leads the office's Corporate Practice, was recognized as Best Private Equity Lawyer. *Law Week Colorado* noted, "Trammell didn't top his own achievement of being on the Barrister's Best list in three categories last year, but that probably would have been a record. This year he's again in the private equity category. Late last year he added another feather in his M&A cap

when he advised Regal Entertainment Group on its merger with Cineworld, which made Cineworld the second-largest movie theater chain in the world.”

**John Walsh**, who leads the office’s Litigation/Controversy Practice, was named Best Criminal Defense Lawyer – White Collar. *Law Week Colorado* noted, “Walsh was one of Colorado’s longest-serving U.S. attorneys when he returned to private practice in 2017. And since his return, he’s taken the lead role of WilmerHale’s investigations, criminal litigation and complex civil litigation practice in the firm’s Denver office.”