
Accomplished Patent Litigator Joins WilmerHale in Its Expanding New York Office

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WilmerHale announces that Robert J. Gunther, Jr., has joined the firm's New York office as a Partner in the Intellectual Property Litigation Group. During his 22 years as a litigator, Gunther has gained extensive patent litigation experience at the trial and appellate level, a track record of success for his clients, and a reputation as an effective leader. He is a welcome addition to WilmerHale's New York practice as it keeps its sights on significant growth in years to come.

Gunther joins WilmerHale from Latham & Watkins, where he was a partner since 1995. Prior to his time at Latham, Gunther was a partner at Mudge Rose Guthrie Alexander & Ferdon.

"I was attracted by WilmerHale because of its excellent IP and IP litigation platform, which are among the most respected in the legal community," noted Gunther.

"Bob's depth and experience will be invaluable to our burgeoning IP Litigation practice in New York. His terrific reputation and his excellent courtroom skills will expand and deepen our IP Litigation practice in New York," said William Lee, Co-Managing Partner of WilmerHale.

WilmerHale's New York office has developed a premier IP and IP Litigation practice with clients consisting of a broad array of companies, including the major New York pharmaceutical and life sciences companies, and technology firms. The firm's leading patent, copyright and trademark litigation practice is backed by the academic and industry experience of more than 120 lawyers and technology specialists with scientific or technical degrees. *The American Lawyer* magazine recognized the IP Litigation practice as one of the top five in the country in its January 2006 issue. They also received this ranking in 2004, the only other year that *The American Lawyer* has ranked IP litigation practices throughout the country. In recent client successes, a team of lawyers from the New York office represented OutlookSoft, a leading provider of performance management solutions, in a patent infringement suit brought against them by Hyperion Solutions. The suit, which charged that OutlookSoft infringed on two Hyperion patents, was tried in the US District Court for the Eastern District of Texas. The jury quickly returned a verdict that there was no infringement and that the Hyperion patents in question were invalid.

David Bassett, IP Litigation Partner and resident in New York, added, "We have a deep respect for

Bob's high-quality work, dedication and insight. His presence will have a great impact on our team here in New York, not only in the courtroom and with clients, but as a mentor for our eager and talented junior lawyers."

Gunther earned his BA and JD from St. John's University. He is a member of the American Intellectual Property Law Association and has been named to the *Legal 500 US* for Intellectual Property.