

Corporate Lawyers David Gammell and Edwin Pease Join WilmerHale as Partners

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WilmerHale is pleased to announce that two leading high tech lawyers, David Gammell and Edwin Pease, have joined the firm as partners in the Corporate Group. Together, Gammell and Pease have more than 30 years of experience focusing on emerging companies, venture capital, mergers and acquisitions and related matters.

"We are pleased to welcome Dave and Ed to the firm," said Susan Murley, co-managing partner of WilmerHale. "Each is an established figure in providing legal representation to entrepreneurs, and they will fit seamlessly into our full-service corporate practice."

Gammell, who began his legal career 16 years ago, specializes in advising startups and venture-backed companies, venture capital firms, buyers and sellers in mergers and acquisitions, and both private and public companies in tech transfer and licensing matters, joint ventures and partnerships. Pease focuses his practice on advising startups and venture-backed companies, venture capital funds, and buyers and sellers in mergers and acquisitions. Between 1997 and 2005, he was an associate with Testa, Hurwitz & Thibeault, LLP. Gammell and Pease join WilmerHale from a Boston-based law firm, where they were co-chairs of the Emerging Technologies and Venture Capital Practices.

Mark Borden, chair of WilmerHale's Corporate Group, added, "Dave and Ed have built impressive emerging technology and venture capital practices and we are excited that they have chosen to continue to grow their practices by leveraging our broad-based platform."

WilmerHale's corporate lawyers are renowned for their work in initial public offerings, venture capital, mergers and acquisitions, strategic alliances, corporate governance matters and the representation of emerging companies. These lawyers draw on the resources of WilmerHale's intellectual property, tax, labor and employment, employee benefits, litigation, real estate, bankruptcy and antitrust practices to provide a one-stop solution to its corporate clients. The firm's Corporate Group is consistently ranked by *Chambers USA*, having most recently been recognized in its 2012 edition as "superb" with "outstanding quality at all levels" and specifically acknowledged as a tierone firm in the Corporate/M&A category in Massachusetts.

"WilmerHale is a leader in the startup and venture capital market," said Gammell. "Its deep corporate expertise, coupled with the breadth of practice areas it offers, are unmatched."

Pease added, "Being able to leverage WilmerHale's full range of services adds a significant amount of value to the work we do and the way in which we are able to meet our clients' needs."