

Daniel Zimmermann Joins WilmerHale as Palo Alto Office Continues to Grow

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WilmerHale is pleased to announce the arrival of Daniel R. Zimmermann to the firm's Palo Alto office. As a partner in the Transactional Department and Corporate and Venture Capital Practices, Mr. Zimmermann brings to the firm his extensive experience with complex corporate transactions and venture finance and technology issues.

Mr. Zimmermann was most recently a partner at SNR Denton, where he helped lead the firm's Venture Technology Practice. He has advised emerging-growth companies and technology startups on a variety of corporate and corporate finance matters. Mr. Zimmermann's practice also has an international focus that involves the regular representation of clients in global expansions and offshore acquisitions by US companies. Having handled private equity, venture capital and capital markets transactions while practicing in London and Munich with SJ Berwin LLP from 2007-2008, he joins WilmerHale with insight into and experience in advising on corporate transactions in Europe, specifically with German companies.

"We are delighted to welcome Daniel to the firm," said Hal J. Leibowitz, chair of WilmerHale's Corporate Practice. "A cornerstone of our corporate practice is the representation of technology companies in their formation and early stages of growth, and Daniel's arrival further strengthens our nationally renowned team."

"Daniel's adeptness in handling corporate issues specific to emerging companies and technology startups bolsters the firm's capabilities on the ground in Palo Alto and demonstrates our commitment to investing in the Silicon Valley market," added Peter S. Buckland, partner in WilmerHale's Palo Alto Corporate Practice.

WilmerHale's corporate lawyers are renowned for their work in initial public offerings, venture capital, private equity, mergers and acquisitions, strategic alliances, corporate governance matters and the representation of startup companies. The firm has counseled thousands of emerging companies and leading venture capitalists throughout the United States and Europe—from formation to funding to market leadership and successful IPOs or acquisitions. In 2010, the firm served as counsel in more than 200 venture financings raising approximately \$1.75 billion, including some of the largest and most prominent deals of the year. Since 2000, the firm has

handled more than 2,400 venture financings raising over \$20 billion.

"I am excited to join WilmerHale," said Mr. Zimmermann. "The firm has a long history of excellence, an extensive client roster and a team of talented professionals. I'm thrilled to have the opportunity to draw on the resources of its many preeminent practices outside of my own—such as IP, tax, employee benefits, litigation, antitrust and more—offering nearly limitless possibilities to our corporate clients."

The Corporate and Venture Capital Practices are an important component of WilmerHale's Palo Alto practice. The Palo Alto office, which recently relocated to a larger space due to its ongoing strategic growth, has expanded to nearly 50 practitioners since it opened in 2005.

Mr. Zimmermann's past experience includes his work as an associate at Quateman & Zidell LLP (1998-2000) in Los Angeles and SJ Berwin LLP (2007-2008) in London and Munich, and as a senior associate at Cooley LLP (2000-2009) in Palo Alto. He is a member of the California and New York Bar Associations, the Silicon Valley Chapter of Keiretsu Forum, and the International Law Sections of the American and New York Bar Associations, and served as chair of the Executive Committee of the International Law Section of the State Bar of California for the 2009-2010 term. Mr. Zimmermann earned his degree from Albert-Ludwig Universität, where he passed his first examination, and his LLM from the University of California at Los Angeles.