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## Managing IP Names WilmerHale as Patent Contentious Firm of the Year for the Second Consecutive Year

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At *Managing IP*'s North America Awards on March 27, 2012, WilmerHale was named as the 2012 Patent Contentious Firm of the Year in the United States and in the Northeast (US) region. This is the second consecutive year that the firm has received these honors.

*Managing IP* bases its award winners on results from its annual survey of thousands of global practitioners (including in-house counsel and law firm attorneys) who are asked to identify and rank leading law firms in the field. WilmerHale has consistently been included in the *Managing IP* survey results, with the firm's most recent rankings including those in the US Patent Prosecution and the Patent Contentious categories (both nationally and in the Northeast), as well as the national rankings of US Life Sciences/Biotech, US Pharmaceutical IP Litigation and US ITC. [Bill Lee](#) and [Seth Waxman](#) were also two of only 12 individuals to be named to this year's list of "Outstanding IP Practitioners of the Year," highlighting the firm's exceptional appellate and IP work.

WilmerHale was selected for its [outstanding work in 2011](#). This is the third in a line of noteworthy titles that WilmerHale's intellectual property team has clenched—in January, the group was named an [IP Litigation Department of the Year](#) finalist by *The American Lawyer* and an [IP Firm of the Year](#) by Law360.

*Managing IP*'s North America Awards are the conclusion of more than six months of analysis by its team of researchers, who conduct hundreds of interviews with IP practitioners and IP owners in North America. The first result of this research was *Managing IP*'s annual survey, which ranks the leading firms in patent, trademark and copyright work in tiers and was published in the magazine between February and April this year. Based on the research, shortlists of firms that had an outstanding year in various categories were chosen and the winners of each for the US and Canada, including individual achievement, were announced at the annual awards dinner on March 27.

A list of the 2012 North America Award winners can be found on [Managing IP's website](#).





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