
WilmerHale Announces 2011 Partner and Special Counsel Promotions

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WilmerHale is pleased to announce the lawyers who will be elevated to partner and special counsel, effective January 1, 2011.

This group of 16 lawyers is comprised of diverse and talented individuals who have distinguished themselves through their excellent work, exceptional client service, and a strong and consistent work ethic. They represent all five legal departments, across five of the firm's offices, and serve clients in the technology, life sciences, financial services, and other areas of greatest challenge, complexity and importance.

"The lawyers who will be elevated on January 1 are extremely talented and will affect the future of the firm and the legal profession as a whole," said William F. Lee, Co-managing Partner of WilmerHale. "We are pleased with this group of talented lawyers and committed to be a part of the ongoing effort to help move the profession forward."

Of the 11 lawyers promoted, eight are women (73%) and two are individuals of color (18%). In a survey released by NALP (National Association for Law Placement, Inc.) on November 4th, it was reported that the percentage of women partners at major national law firms in 2010 has increased slightly to 19.43% and diversity at the partner level has also seen a slight increase to 6.16%. WilmerHale outranks many of its competitors in the overall percentage of women and diverse partners. The firm has a greater representation of women in its partnership, 24%, and a larger percentage of diverse partners, 9%.

The firm will also promote five individuals to special counsel, a position for senior individuals that concentrate on a specialized expertise. This is the second year that WilmerHale has elevated individuals to this position.

Partners effective January 1, 2011:

Jennifer C. Berrent, Corporate and Transactional, New York

Catherine M.A. Carroll, Litigation/Controversy, Washington DC

Lauren B. Fletcher, Litigation/Controversy, Boston

David Lesser, Litigation/Controversy, New York

Evelyn C. Mak, Intellectual Property, Palo Alto
Rosemary G. Reilly, Corporate and Transactional, Boston
Theresa Titolo, Securities, Washington DC
Nathan L. Walker, Litigation/Controversy, Palo Alto
Jamie T. Wisz, Intellectual Property, Washington DC
Heather Zachary, Regulatory and Government Affairs, Washington DC
Kenneth Zhou, Corporate and Transactional, Beijing

Our partnership's ability to serve our clients is greatly enhanced with the addition of these 11 new partners. Specifically, these are the next generation of first chair trial and appellate litigators representing clients on matters ranging from private securities litigation to IP litigation to credit card class-action work; IP advisors with specialized expertise in engineering and life science; and corporate and regulatory advisors representing issuers in public offerings of debt securities and other secondary transactions, and advising life science and telecommunications companies.

Special counsel effective January 1, 2011:

Jeffrey D. Ayer, Regulatory and Government Affairs, Washington DC
Amelia E. Bormann, Corporate and Transactional, Boston
Stephen M. Edwards, Corporate and Transactional, Boston
Jeffrey S. Hydrick, Regulatory and Government Affairs, Washington DC
Richard F. Jackson, Securities, Washington DC

This group of senior lawyers with specialized areas of practice encompass expertise that's of exceptional value to client, such as mergers proficiency particularly in advising before the US Department of Justice and Federal Trade Commission and on Hart-Scott-Rodino; real estate focus in complex conveyancing and title matters; regulatory capability with respect to consumer credit products and services and with traditional financial institutions; investment management specialty advising hedge fund managers particularly with the new Dodd-Frank Act requirements and on the taxation of regulated investment companies.