
WilmerHale Awarded One of *National Law Journal's* Pro Bono Awards

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The *National Law Journal* selected WilmerHale as one of only four law firms to receive a 2006 Pro Bono Award. [Seth Waxman](#), David Ogden, and [Danielle Spinelli](#) were honored for their work in the *Roper v. Simmons* case, which was one of the most important death penalty cases in recent history argued successfully before the US Supreme Court.

The feature article in the *National Law Journal* describes how the WilmerHale team of three lawyers became involved in the case of a juvenile client on death row in the state of Missouri. Jennifer Herndon, a solo practitioner who was appointed to represent juvenile client, Christopher Simmons, against a death penalty sentence, sought out WilmerHale's assistance when the case ended up at the Supreme Court.

Missouri State Solicitor, and the team's opposition arguing *Roper v. Simmons*, James Layton, praises Mr. Waxman in the article saying that he is "one of the best advocates there is. We've had him on our side when he was [US] solicitor general. It was a little daunting to have him on their [opposing] side."

The article ran in the January 2, 2006 issue of the *National Law Journal*. Click [here](#) to view a PDF of the article. This legal publication can be found online at www.nlj.com.