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WilmerHale Hires Leading Technology Transactions Lawyer in New York

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WilmerHale is pleased to announce the arrival of Robert Finkel, who joins the firm's New York office as partner in the Corporate Group. Mr. Finkel has more than 20 years of experience in private practice and has represented leading international corporations and financial institutions in complex commercial transactions with a focus on technology and outsourcing.

"Rob is a terrific addition to our New York office," said Susan Murley, WilmerHale's co-managing partner. "His deep experience in the technology and financial services industries fits perfectly within our practice and we are excited to welcome him to the firm."

Mr. Finkel was a partner for 10 years at Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP, where he specialized in technology, outsourcing and corporate transactions. For the past year, he was a partner at Dewey & LeBoeuf LLP in the firm's corporate department. His arrival at WilmerHale reflects the firm's strategic focus on the overall technology sector, with a strong emphasis on the rapidly growing New York technology market. Corporate Partners Lisa Firenze (capital markets) and Richard Andersen (international tax) joined the firm's New York office in January 2012.

Mr. Finkel has particular expertise in structuring and negotiating outsourcing transactions and other complex technology arrangements, which are often used by financial institutions and suppliers of technology or outsourcing services. Mr. Finkel's practice also encompasses mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures and strategic alliances, and software and technology licensing. He has represented many leading domestic and international corporations and financial institutions. Mr. Finkel has been widely recognized as one of the leaders in his field by several legal directories including *Chambers USA*, *Legal 500* and *Euromoney*.

"We couldn't be more pleased to welcome Rob to the firm," said Steve Singer, chair of WilmerHale's Transactional Department. "His in-depth knowledge of the technology transactions space and his excellent reputation among clients and colleagues are a welcome addition to our growing corporate practice in New York."

"WilmerHale is known for providing cutting-edge legal advice to technology clients," said Mr. Finkel. "I am thrilled to be joining WilmerHale's world-class practice in this rapidly growing sector." Mr. Finkel earned his BA, *magna cum laude*, from the University of Pennsylvania in 1981, his JD from Stanford University in 1987 and an MA in International Affairs from Columbia University in 1988. He is a recent member of the Stanford Law School Board of Visitors and is an adjunct professor at New York Law School, where for the past several years he has instructed an advanced seminar on Corporate Governance. Before law school, Mr. Finkel served as an aide to United States Senator, Daniel Patrick Moynihan. He is admitted to practice in the State of New York.

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