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## WilmerHale International Trade Department Highlighted in *Focus Europe*

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The January 2006 issue of *Focus Europe* featured WilmerHale in an article comparing the [Trade Department](#) with Sidley Austin's. They said that "only Wilmer and Sidley can boast that the majority of their trade practices arises out of WTO rather than domestic law," a point they made while discussing the need for WTO presence and expertise to be effective in trade law.

The article includes a photo of [Robert Novick](#) and Charlene Barshefsky. More specifically, it highlights Partner [Charlene Barshefsky](#)'s former service as the US Trade Representative saying, "Charlene Barshefsky's crowning achievement in government was to negotiate China's entry into the WTO, and China is the centerpiece of her strategy at Wilmer."

They also explain the importance of that work and China's inclusion: "'From this point on,' [Michael Stepek of Hogan & Hartson] proclaims, 'there are four corners to the trade system: DC, Brussels, Beijing, and Geneva.' DC, Brussels, and Beijing are the capitals of the world's three great trading powers, and Geneva is where they interface with all other trade partners."

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