
WilmerHale is *The American Lawyer's* Intellectual Property Litigation Group of the Year

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The American Lawyer today named WilmerHale as the magazine's Intellectual Property Litigation Group of the Year. Only one firm is honored every other year with this prestigious recognition. A two-time IP Litigation Group of the Year finalist, the firm has this year been singled out for successfully being able to "showcase just what a well-rounded, full-service, powerhouse IP litigation group can accomplish." In addition to this recognition, the firm received an honorable mention in the overall Litigation Department of the Year contest.

According to *The American Lawyer* article crediting the firm's IP litigation group for its merits, WilmerHale is said to thrive at every level of the justice system. The piece goes on to note that in the last year the firm handled two US Supreme Court cases and 17 Federal Circuit appeals, ten jury trials, ten US International Trade Commission investigations, and two major international patent arbitrations. And further that "the firm's masterful handling of these cases has sealed its reputation as a preeminent department in all stages of IP litigation."

WilmerHale's representations of note include, among others: Broadcom Corporation in its unprecedented series of patent litigations against

Qualcomm Incorporated and its three resulting victories in the ITC and both California federal courts; GlaxoSmithKline plc in its defeat against a generic challenge to its multi-billion dollar drug—Requip; and OutlookSoft Corporation in a patent infringement case brought by Hyperion Solutions, which led to WilmerHale obtaining the first jury verdict of patent invalidity from the plaintiffs-friendly district of the Eastern District of Texas in 2006. These and many of WilmerHale's other recent successes, including patent infringement, trade dress, appellate cases and arbitrations are highlighted in the article.

All of the Am Law 200 firms—the nation's top-grossing firms—were invited to compete for the overall title of Litigation Department of the Year, and in one of three specialties: Intellectual Property, Labor and Employment, and Product Liability. This special report in the January 2008 issue of *The American Lawyer* profiles the four winners, the runners-up, and, in the Department of the Year contest, 18 additional firms who merited special attention. Click [here](#) to view the IP Litigation Group of the Year write-up in *The American Lawyer's* January 2008 issue.