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## WilmerHale Strengthens DC Intellectual Property Practice with Hire of Former NASA Engineer

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WilmerHale is pleased to announce the addition of Grant Rowan as Partner in its Intellectual Property Department in the Washington, DC office. Mr. Rowan joins the firm from Sughrue Mion, PLLC, where he was Partner and Co-Chair of the Electrical/ Mechanical Group.

In this position, Mr. Rowan has been active in IP counseling, strategic patent portfolio development and IP litigation. Mr. Rowan's patent portfolio development practice includes the management of international portfolios of patents and applications relating to the electrical and mechanical arts, such as plasma display panels, data storage devices, computers, computer printers, electrical circuits, semiconductors, software, Internet applications, and machinery. Mr. Rowan also has extensive patent counseling experience which includes providing advice relating to commercially significant IP opportunities, IP risk assessment and risk mitigation. Mr. Rowan's litigation background includes all aspects of IP litigation including discovery, claim construction and motions practice, and trial work.

Mr. Rowan brings with him significant technical experience gained as an electrical engineer working onsite at NASA. "We are delighted to welcome Grant to the firm. He brings with him great technical experience and strategic insight that will help us support our clients in a variety of industries. In order to better serve the mid-Atlantic region, we expect to continue developing our IP presence in DC—and Grant joining our team is an important step in that process," said David Cavanaugh, Vice-Chair of the Intellectual Property Department in WilmerHale's DC office.

"WilmerHale provides an excellent platform for developing its IP practice in DC. I was attracted to the firm's impressive roster of attorneys who possess outstanding credentials and diverse practices. This is a rare combination and I look forward to being a part of and adding value to the practice," noted Mr. Rowan.

WilmerHale's intellectual property practice combines the specialized legal and technical skills normally associated with boutique intellectual property firms, with the broad business and litigation capabilities of a major general practice firm. *The American Lawyer* ranked the firm as one of four finalists for "IP Litigation Department of the Year" in 2004 and 2006, its two biennial contests to date. With this and various other recognitions, the firm is consistently recognized for successfully

providing comprehensive solutions to the intellectual property business challenges that face companies at all stages of growth.

Mr. Rowan received his JD with honors from The George Washington University National Law Center and his BSEE from the University of Maryland. His bar admissions include the District of Columbia, Maryland, the US Patent and Trademark Office and the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.