
WilmerHale Strengthens Palo Alto Practice with Veteran IP Litigator

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WilmerHale is pleased to announce the arrival of William J. Bohler as a partner in the firm's Palo Alto office. The depth of Mr. Bohler's intellectual property litigation experience and his engineering and technical background is of great value to the firm, which is known for its impressive number of lawyers with technological and scientific backgrounds.

Mr. Bohler was previously a partner at Townsend and Townsend and Crew LLP. He has gained recognition in the legal and technology industries for his extensive experience in all facets of intellectual property practice developed over more than 20 years of practice. His practice is primarily focused on complex patent litigation and trials in the US District Courts and the US International Trade Commission, where he has appeared frequently in recent years. He has also argued before the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. With a degree in electrical engineering, Mr. Bohler is registered to practice before the US Patent and Trademark Office, where he has handled patent interferences and prepared and prosecuted patent applications. He also has negotiated and drafted licenses, counseled clients in all facets of intellectual property, and represented clients in trade secret, trademark, and other non-patent IP matters. Mr. Bohler's practice reaches across a variety of industries ranging from semiconductors to financial services. In recent years, he has tried complex patent cases for clients including Hynix Semiconductor, Visa, Carsem Semiconductor, and Kumho.

Mr. Bohler's arrival to WilmerHale will further strengthen the intellectual property litigation capabilities of its rapidly expanding Palo Alto office. "We are very pleased to welcome Bill to the firm. His vast IP litigation experience and knowledge of the local market will unquestionably be of great value to existing and potential clients, as well as to the firm as we continue to grow our Palo Alto practice," said William F. Lee, co-managing partner of WilmerHale.

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. Since 2001, its IP and IP litigation practices have been involved in more than 25 key patent and technology cases in the Northern District of California. *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. Bohler is active in the legal community, with speaking engagements and as a member of the American Bar Association, the American Intellectual Property Law Association, the Federal Circuit Bar Association, and the International Trade Commission Trial Lawyers Association. He earned is JD, *magna cum laude*, from the Southern Illinois University School of Law and his BS in Electrical Engineering from Purdue University. He is listed in the 2006 and 2007 editions of *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers For Business*.