
WilmerHale Welcomes Robert G. Badal To The Los Angeles Office

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WilmerHale is pleased to announce that Robert G. Badal will join the firm as Partner in its Antitrust and Competition and Intellectual Property Litigation Practice Groups. Badal will be resident in the law firm's Los Angeles office, bringing with him over 35 years of antitrust, intellectual property and complex litigation experience.

Badal was most recently a partner at Heller Ehrman, where he was a member of the antitrust; trade regulation and intellectual property practice groups. His practice is particularly focused on the intersection of the antitrust and intellectual property laws, and he has represented clients in a variety of litigation matters that relate to these issues. Additionally, he has counseled clients on antitrust compliance and risk avoidance, with a particular focus on licensing and standard setting issues arising from the enforcement of intellectual property rights in the technology sectors.

"Robert Badal's leadership qualities and years of antitrust and IP litigation experience will contribute greatly to our strategic growth in California," said [William Lee](#), co-managing partner at WilmerHale.

Randall R. Lee, founding partner of WilmerHale's Los Angeles office, added:

“With Bob’s outstanding reputation in the community, his depth of experience in some of WilmerHale’s preeminent practice areas, and his knowledge of the California market, we are taking a significant step forward in the growth of our Los Angeles office.

Recently opened in March 2008, the Los Angeles office enhances the firm’s nationally prominent securities enforcement and white collar defense practices, and serves as the Southern California base for WilmerHale’s intellectual property litigation group. Badal’s expertise will not only deepen the intellectual property litigation practice, but will expand the firm’s antitrust and general litigation capabilities in California.

WilmerHale has one of the leading antitrust and competition practices in the United States and Europe. With more than 50 years’ experience and approximately 70 competition lawyers in the US, Europe and China, the firm has secured antitrust clearance for hundreds of complex mergers and joint ventures, helped clients avoid fines and prison terms in many cartel investigations, and won numerous victories for clients in private and government litigation. Many of the firm’s lawyers have served in high levels of government in either the United States or Europe, and all have years of experience representing clients across the full range of antitrust issues.

The firm’s IP litigation practice is well-known as being one of the best in the nation. In January 2008, *The American Lawyer* named WilmerHale’s practice as its Intellectual Property Litigation Department of the Year. The practice was also recognized as one of the top four IP litigation practices in the magazine’s two previous surveys, conducted in 2004 and 2006. The firm’s leading patent, copyright and trademark litigation team is backed by the academic and industry experience of more than 140 lawyers and technology specialists with scientific or technical degrees.

“I am honored to have the opportunity to work with the remarkable group of professionals at WilmerHale,” said Badal. “I look forward to working with the Los Angeles team in building momentum in the California market.”

Badal’s experience includes government service as well as private practice. He has written and spoken extensively on antitrust and IP issues. He received his JD from Harvard Law School and his BA, *magna cum laude*, in Political Science from the University of Pennsylvania. He is admitted to the bar in California and the District of Columbia.