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#### WINNER: WILMER CUTLER PICKERING HALE AND DORR

**Answered by: Mark Selwyn, Co-Chair, Intellectual Property Litigation Practice Group**

■ Describe your firm's approach to litigation and your strategy for building successful teams for trials or other matters.

We build teams with diverse skills and backgrounds to ensure talent tailored to the litigation – including not only first-chair trial lawyers but also lawyers with advanced technical degrees, antitrust lawyers, and overseas lawyers if there's an international component.

■ Discuss the two biggest litigation cases your firm worked on in 2023 and how you reached successful outcomes.

Some of our biggest wins in 2023 demonstrated again that litigation is often a marathon, and not a sprint, and we are prepared to go the distance for our clients. First, WilmerHale successfully represented Apple against VirnetX, achieving a Federal Circuit decision invalidating the last two patents and overturning a \$576 million judgment. Second, WilmerHale defended Intel against VLSI Technology, leading to the Federal Circuit vacating a \$2.18 billion verdict and ordering a retrial. This outcome demonstrated our robust defense capabilities and deep understanding of complex patent issues. Our strategic approach and technical prowess were pivotal in securing these outcomes.

■ What are the most challenging and satisfying aspects of your work in litigation?

We love to try IP cases, and we try a lot of them. We thrive in taking very complex facts and technology and weaving them together in a presentation that is interesting, understandable, and persuasive.

■ What is the most important piece of advice you'd share with young lawyers?

Take some risks. Good associates do the assignment they're given and do it well. Great associates spot, anticipate, and identify issues that advance the ultimate goals of the case.

