

Trade Secrets

Clients turn to us for their highest-stakes trade secret disputes.

Our lawyers have extensive experience successfully representing clients in every phase of trade secret identification, organization, prelitigation and litigation, including through trial and on appeal. Clients turn to us for their highest-stakes trade secret disputes, including multi-billion-dollar cases. Our cross-practice team is made up of commercial and intellectual property litigators who draw on their state and federal courtroom experience to customize strategies for the unique complexities of each case.

We are proactive and dynamic and have a track record of success in mobilizing quickly—often within a matter of days—to address rapid response prelitigation matters (including around employee or executive exits or onboarding), temporary restraining orders, preliminary injunctions, and other requested relief in the lead up to or outset of litigation. We work with clients before action is even taken in court, and coordinate with our renowned appellate lawyers throughout litigation to ensure a proper record.

We have more than 120 lawyers with scientific and engineering backgrounds who can handle the most complex issues across virtually any technologies.

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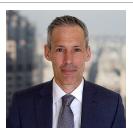
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Successfully defended Apple in a multi-billion-dollar trade secret trial, resulting in half of plaintiffs' trade secrets being dismissed as a matter of law before the case even went to the jury.

Assisted a leading software company in preparation for temporary restraining order in connection with executive departure and ultimately negotiated full remediation of trade secret information and resolution to avoid litigation.

Secured major victory for Reckitt Benckiser following a five-week jury trial in the District of New Jersey when claims brought by Absorption Pharmaceuticals, which sought \$454 million in damages for alleged fraud and trade secret misappropriation, as well as punitive damages, were rejected.

Achieved a significant victory for GranBio and Bioflex against American Process when the district court granted our motion to compel arbitration, denied plaintiffs' motion for preliminary injunction and stayed the case. American Process had asserted claims for (1) misappropriation of trade secrets, (2) breach of contract, (3) declaratory judgment of ownership of certain technology, and (4) specific performance requiring GranBio to enter into a license agreement with API.

Won a complete victory for Loxo Oncology in a trade secret lawsuit related to the development of breakthrough cancer drugs when Array agreed to drop its claims against the company following extensive forensic information, placing no future restrictions on Loxo's significant work to develop breakthrough cancer drugs.

Secured a highly favorable dismissal of all claims brought against Yes Energy and Live Power Intelligence Company by their competitor Genscape. Genscape, which had previously held 100% of the market share in the real-time power data market, levied trade secret misappropriation and computer fraud and abuse act allegations against Live Power and Yes Energy after these companies entered the market. Yes Energy and Live

Power now continue to operate in this space.

Achieved a major victory for large aluminum company Novelis when the court dismissed all trade secret misappropriation claims brought by Arconic, formerly Alcoa. Arconic, which is Novelis's chief competitor, initially alleged misappropriation of more than 500 trade secrets.

Featured Recognition

- Chambers USA Guide Recognized nationally as a leading trade secrets practice (2025); noted as having "a superior understanding of relevant technologies and strong depth of expertise."
- Recognized as a finalist for Trade Secrets Firm of the Year at the 2025 Managing IP Americas Awards
- One of the top firms in the World Intellectual Property Review (WIPR) Global Trade Secrets rankings (2024 and 2025)
- Named a Law360 Trials Practice Group of the Year (2023)
- WilmerHale lawyers were named Litigation Daily Litigator of the Week winners or runners-up 17 times in 2022-2024
- The American Lawyer named WilmerHale a finalist in the Litigation Department of the Year contest (2021, 2018) and as the IP Litigation Department of the Year (2023, 2014, 2008), and a finalist in the IP category six times since the publication first awarded it in 2004
- Named Intellectual Property Firm of the Year by Chambers USA (2024)
- 60+ WilmerHale lawyers ranked in litigation-related areas by Chambers USA and Chambers UK
- 30+ WilmerHale lawyers recognized by Benchmark Litigation