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The Leading Intellectual Property Attorneys in California 2015

The most compelling aspect of choosing the list of leading intellectual property attorneys in California is recognizing the diversity of their achievements, and their ability to stay on the cutting edge of new developments in patent, copyright and trademark law.

While based in the state, leading litigators travel the nation to try cases, whether it's in the Eastern District of Texas, the U.S. International Trade Commission, or a new U.S. Patent and Trademark Office proceeding to determine whether a patent is valid. A few litigators successfully argued or defended cases before the U.S. Supreme Court. Copyright attorneys were in the midst of battles between technology and content providers. Trademark lawyers fought to protect their clients.

The patent prosecutors and portfolio managers on the list represent medical device makers and technology companies, drafting and defending new patents, protecting trademarks and copyrights, while often handling IP aspects of major acquisitions.

The lawyers chosen for this year's list helped to advance technological innovation or transform the law while representing a range of clients that includes Hollywood studios, technology giants, aggressive startups, and the daughter of a screenwriter. The list demonstrates the impressive and diverse work done by California attorneys whose work advances the state's leadership in intellectual property law.

—The Editors

TOP LITIGATORS OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Dennis L. Wilson

FIRM:

Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP

CITY

Los Angeles

SPECIALTY

Copyright, trademark



lot over time," he said.

Wilson's work led to a significant and immediate reduction in the illegal distribution of the film. He led a team of attorneys and paralegals from seven Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP offices in different time zones that worked on stemming its further distribution.

As part of a copyright infringement suit, Wilson secured a temporary restraining order against six torrent and download sources with ties to the United States that were distributing it.

U.S. District Judge Margaret M. Morrow's restraining order also froze the assets of the defendants, and Wilson got a preliminary injunction in August 2014 for Lions Gate.

"The order we got was not something that's commonly given but the court understood that this was an extreme case," he said. "The theft of the film before the release date and potential harm to the movie studio was extreme, so this justified some remedies including

[listing the banks] in the preliminary injunction."

Following the preliminary injunction, one of the defendants — Hulkfile.eu — shut down its operations. *Lions Gate Films Inc. v. John Does*, 14-CV 6033 (C.D. Cal., filed July 31, 2014).

Wilson also represented Summit Entertainment LLC in a copyright infringement and computer fraud abuse case against a hacker who leaked video and images from the film "Twilight."

He was able to locate the original tweet with the stolen content and then worked with investigators around the world to trace the tweet to the hacker in Argentina.

In June 2014, U.S. District Judge Otis Wright II entered judgment against the defendants, awarding Summit Entertainment \$300,000 in statutory damages and a permanent injunction. *Summit Entertainment LLC v. Daiana Santia et al.*, 11-CV 6310 (C.D. Cal., filed August 1, 2011).

— Hetert-Qebu Walters

On behalf of Lions Gate Films Inc., Wilson implemented a comprehensive strategy to limit the harm to his client after "The Expendables 3" was stolen and leaked on the Internet, three weeks before its theatrical release.

"I've been working on movie piracy since the mid-'90s and it has changed a

