

# League Tables

## **General Patent Litigation**

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# Hatch-Waxman Patent Litigation (Branded)

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According to industry peers, DC-based Williams & Connolly has more than earned its reputation for being one of the most soughtafter firms for bet-the-company patent litigation and Hatch-Waxman contests, particularly on behalf of multinational pharmaceutical companies. "I'm always impressed with their work," says one peer. Another peer says, "It's simply a terrific group of trial lawyers – easily one of the best litigation shops around."

One client of the firm agrees, describing Williams & Connolly as "critical for significant, bet-the-company issues," while another describes them as "great strategists, well known and respected by the judiciary and plaintiffs' bar." Peers give particular praise to stalwart litigators like **Bruce Genderson**, who one competitor describes as "very, very good," and **Adam Perlman**, who a peer calls "an exceptional attorney at an exceptional firm."

Perlman recently argued a case for Alcon before the Federal Circuit, regarding the eye care company's anti-glaucoma drug product Travatan Z. The set of three related Hatch-Waxman litigations against Mylan, Wockhardt, and Actavis settled favorably for Alcon in March 2015 after a year and a half of proceedings.

Genderson, who is acting as lead counsel for Bayer this year in several Hatch-Waxman cases relating to Bayer's erectile dysfunction drug products, Levitran and Staxyn, is the founder of the firm's patent litigation practice and is still undefeated in patent trials in which he has acted as first-chair attorney.

Hatch-Waxman specialist, **Thomas Selby**, acted as lead counsel for Pfizer in a Hatch-Waxman litigation suit it brought against Mylan, which attempted to sell a generic version of Pfizer's billiondollar cancer treatment drug Sutent.

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Almost entirely comprised of litigators, many with first-chair trial experience, Williams & Connolly enjoys a long-standing reputation as one of the nation's premier litigation-focused firms. Its 275 partners and associates include a significant cohort devoted to disputes in the life sciences arena whose work accounts for the firm's recognition in the field, including recent selections by *The National Law Journal* for its 2015 "IP Hot List" and *LMG Life Sciences* as its 2014 Product Liability Firm of the Year.

While Williams & Connolly litigators handle complex, "bet-the-company" disputes for clients in virtually every industry and area of the law, **patent litigation and licensing disputes** form one of the firm's leading practices. The patent group marries the experience of seasoned first-chair trial lawyers with that of a team of scientifically trained lawyers, including ten former Federal Circuit clerks and thirteen members of the patent bar. Their collective strength, like that of their products liability and antitrust colleagues, is mastering the technical and scientific issues raised by patent disputes, providing a nuanced understanding of the relevant legal issues, and describing them in ways that both judges and juries easily can understand.

The firm has represented both patentees and alleged infringers in litigation and post-grant review proceedings spanning a wide range of technologies, including pharmaceuticals, medical devices, biotechnology, electronics, and software. Williams & Connolly's patent lawyers are outside counsel of choice for many leading corporations in the life sciences arena in matters ranging from:

- Hatch-Waxman-related pharmaceutical litigation against generic companies;
- to wide-ranging patent, patent licensing, and trade secret litigation for biotechnology companies;
- to patent and licensing disputes on behalf of medical device manufacturers;
- to representing clients in inter partes review proceedings;
- to representing major law firms in professional responsibility claims of malpractice arising from their patent litigation or prosecution work.

Williams & Connolly, also a recognized force in the **products liability** arena, is home to some of the most successful products trial lawyers in the country who offer extensive experience as lead, trial, coordinating, resolution, and appellate counsel for a wide range of companies. Often chosen because of the firm's reputation for working seamlessly with in-house teams and other counsel, more than 20 lawyers in the firm have had in-court roles at trial in product liability cases for pharmaceutical and other life sciences entities alone.

Recent highlights of that practice include:

- representation in the last five years alone of Bayer, Genentech, Pfizer, Merck, Wyeth, AstraZeneca, and Endo Pharmaceuticals/American Medical Systems in mass tort products litigation;
- several recent products liability victories, including an unprecedented decision on behalf of a client in Fen/Phen litigation;
- a string of recent appellate victories on the issue of "innovator liability;"
- multiple defeats of class certification; and
- serving as lead, coordinating, or trial counsel in diabetes products, surgical mesh, medical battery, and asbestos litigation.

Life sciences clients, including those in the pharmaceutical, other healthcare and food and beverage sectors, also look to Williams & Connolly in the face of significant and complex **antitrust**, white collar and government investigation matters. Recent high-profile representations include:

• successfully representing the nation's largest dairy cooperative in a series of class action antitrust cases in multiple federal and state courts;

- successfully defending AstraZeneca in landmark antitrust litigation seeking \$60 billion in alleged damages; and
- serving as lead counsel on behalf of a food manufacturer in a prosecution alleging criminal violations of workplace safety rules in connection with a plant accident.

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