

## Latham Fortifies Star IP Trial Team

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A former WilmerHale patent litigator who has represented clients in disputes in industries ranging from pharmaceuticals to social networking is the fourth senior trial lawyer to join Latham & Watkins LLP's Washington, D.C., practice within a year, Latham announced recently.

Rachel Weiner Cohen joined Latham as counsel in the litigation and trial department and as a member of the intellectual property litigation practice.

The litigator's practice includes trial and appellate disputes in state and federal court, and handling issues involving biotechnology, semiconductor manufacturing, multimedia, mobile, web applications and other innovative industries.

Cohen has played a key role in U.S. and international intellectual property disputes, according to Latham, and has obtained numerous favorable settlements in district courts across the country. She also counsels clients in international arbitration, civil investigations and general commercial litigation matters.

"We are excited to welcome Rachel to Latham's powerhouse IP team," David Callahan, global co-chair of the firm's intellectual property litigation practice, said in the firm's hiring announcement. "She has demonstrated her chops as a trial attorney in important cases for technology clients, including in appellate matters. Her experience complements Latham's formidable courtroom reputation and ability to navigate clients' highest-profile patent disputes."

Among courtroom victories while at WilmerHale, Cohen represented a biotechnology company in a patent infringement litigation in the Southern District of New York, successfully moving to dismiss for lack of subject matter jurisdiction. The decision was affirmed on appeal at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit and the U.S. Supreme Court denied certiorari. She was also counsel for a global networking company in patent infringement litigation involving power converters in the Eastern District of Texas. She successfully briefed a motion for summary judgment of noninfringement by certain accused products, as well as pre-trial evidentiary motions, which lead to a favorable settlement.

She also advised an international pharmaceutical company in a multi-defendant Hatch-Waxman Act



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patent infringement litigation involving bisphosphonates in the District of New Jersey, with that issue reaching an agreeable settlement. Cohen also helped a leading online social networking company navigate a patent infringement battle involving 20 patents in the Northern District of California, another issue that settled favorably, according to information on Cohen's online Latham bio.

Cohen also represented immigrant advocates who filed suit in June against the Trump administration in Washington, D.C., federal court seeking to compel the government to respond to its Freedom of Information Act requests for information regarding family separation policies, guidance and data.

Prior to her work at WilmerHale in Washington, D.C., Cohen clerked for Judge Sharon Prost at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit and for Judge Freda L. Wolfson at the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey.

She received her law degree from American University Washington College of Law and her undergraduate degree from American University.

"I'm thrilled to have joined Latham's extremely talented IP trial team, which I have watched steadily grow into the market-leading group that it is today," Cohen said in an email Friday. "I've had the pleasure of working with multiple lawyers in the group and witnessed their courtroom skills, intelligence and drive first hand. Latham offers clients a unique platform because of the breadth of the group's expertise in high stakes matters in district court and on appeal, before the ITC and PTAB, and internationally."

Cohen's arrival continues a hiring spree for Latham's intellectual litigation practice in Washington, D.C., following the arrivals of partner Tara D. Elliott from WilmerHale in May, partner Jamie Underwood from Alston & Bird LLP in February, and partner Kevin Wheeler from Fish & Richardson PC in October. In addition, Sy Damle, the former general counsel at the U.S. Copyright Office, is slated to join Latham's intellectual property litigation team in September and practice in the firm's Washington, D.C. office.

"Rachel is a fantastic addition to our growing IP trial team here in Washington and is well-positioned to help us build on our recent string of major appellate victories," Michael Egge, the firm's office managing partner in Washington, D.C., said in Latham's statement. "Clients will also benefit from her insight into many of the disruptive technologies at the heart of IP disputes."

Latham has more than 2,600 lawyers in 30 offices located in 14 countries, according to the law firm.

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