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## ***Chambers USA 2009 Ranks Woodcock Washburn Top Pennsylvania IP Firm for Seventh Consecutive Year***

**Philadelphia** – Woodcock Washburn LLP is pleased to announce the firm has been recognized for the seventh consecutive year as the top firm for intellectual property in Pennsylvania by legal referral guide *Chambers USA*. Additionally, in the rankings for individual practitioners, Dale Heist, Dianne Elderkin, John Donohue and Steve Rocci all ranked in the top tiers.

According to *Chambers USA*'s profile about the Firm:

This outstanding IP boutique is the most prolific in Pennsylvania, with an 88-strong team that impresses observers with its level of expertise in patent and patent litigation. Clients also praise the firm's outstanding work in the life sciences arena, and it represents some of the most prominent names in the international market, such as GlaxoSmithKline and VGX Pharmaceuticals.

*Chambers USA* notes the following about the attorneys:

“Highlighted for his representation of Microsoft in a patent infringement case, **Dale Heist** handles large, complex IP disputes.”

“Eloquent trial lawyer **John Donohue** is praised for his IP work on behalf of clients in the telecom, electronics, computer software and medical imaging industries.”

“Bright trial lawyer” **Dianne Elderkin** attracts plaudits for her work in biomedical and pharmaceutical patent litigation.”

“**Steven Rocci** is singled out for his astute approach to copyright and unfair competition litigation.”

“**Joseph Lucci** has a strong background in pharmaceutical and medical devices patent litigation, and receives praise for his work in complex patent procurement and patent counseling.”

“**David Wolfsohn** has successfully represented clients in a number of copyright, trademark, patent, trade secret and unfair competition cases, and is praised as being “incredibly bright, knowledgeable and straightforward.””

“**Nancy Frandsen** is highlighted for her responsiveness and extensive experience in trademark, copyright and unfair competition issues.”



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“**Paul Milcetic** makes his debut in the tables this year, having attracted attention with his trial work. According to clients, “he effectively produces excellent results, and is accessible and responsive.””

Steve Rocci, chair of Woodcock Washburn's Policy Committee, said, “We are very pleased to once again receive this singular recognition from *Chambers USA*. And we congratulate the Woodcock partners receiving individual honors. We are delighted that our clients are saying such wonderful things about us and proud to be the top IP firm in the state for seven years running.”

### **About Chambers USA**

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### **About Woodcock Washburn LLP**

Woodcock Washburn LLP, with offices in Atlanta, Philadelphia, and Seattle, has specialized in intellectual property law since 1946. Rated as one of the top IP law firms in the United States by *IP Law & Business*, the Firm was also named the top intellectual property firm in Pennsylvania by *Chambers USA*. The Firm's lawyers and scientific advisors provide national and international clients a full range of services that include litigation, patent procurement, IP strategies, trademarks & copyrights, licensing, and standards & open source software across a wide range of industries and technologies. For more information: [www.woodcock.com](http://www.woodcock.com).

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