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Law360's Legal Lions Of The Week

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Law360 (May 30, 2025, 4:36 PM EDT) -- Clement & Murphy PLLC leads this week's edition of Law360 Legal Lions, after a D.C. federal judge struck down President Donald Trump's executive order targeting WilmerHale.

In a 73-page opinion punctuated by more than two dozen exclamation points, U.S. District Judge Richard J. Leon on Tuesday granted WilmerHale summary judgment on all but three of its claims, and he denied the Trump administration's motion to dismiss most of the fast-moving lawsuit, which WilmerHale filed in late March.

WilmerHale is represented by Paul Clement, Erin Murphy, Matthew Rowen and Joseph DeMott of Clement & Murphy.

Cooley LLP triumphed after a D.C. federal judge on May 23 rejected a Trump administration executive order suspending security clearances for Jenner & Block LLP employees. U.S. District Judge John D. Bates of the District of Columbia found that the executive order violated the First Amendment by punishing speech that is disfavored by the government and by discouraging other attorneys from taking up causes that the administration does not like.

Jenner & Block is represented by Michael Attanasio, David Mills, Kristine Forderer, John Bostic, Kathleen Hartnett, Carlton Forbes, Patrick Hayden, Hannah Duncan, Caroline Hansen, Alex Kasner, Samantha Kirby, Miranda Li, Matt Nguyen and James Santel of Cooley.

Clement Van Ronzelen & Schulte LLC roared after a Missouri appellate panel Tuesday affirmed a trial court's \$611 million award reduced from a jury's \$1.56 billion verdict for three people who claimed their cancer was caused by Bayer unit Monsanto Co.'s Roundup weedkiller, saying a law professor's testimony about a Ninth Circuit decision was not prejudicial.

The consumers were represented by Matthew Clement and Josh Moore of Clement Van Ronzelen.

WilmerHale and Gillam & Smith LLP make this week's list after securing a victory for Intel Corp. before a Texas federal jury Thursday, as the technology giant looks to duck infringement claims involving semiconductor patents held by VLSI Technology LLC, which have led to \$3 billion in verdicts.

It took the jury only an hour to determine that Fortress Investment Group controls both VLSI and Finjan Holdings. A judge will now decide whether that means Intel can escape findings that it infringed VLSI's

patents by invoking its license with Finjan.

Intel is represented by William Lee, Mary Sooter, Gregory Lantier, Joseph Mueller, Louis Tompros, Kate Saxton and Amanda Major of WilmerHale and Harry Lee Gillam Jr. of Gillam & Smith.

Talkin Muccigrosso & Roberts LLP and Waymaker LLP succeeded after a Manhattan federal judge on May 23 granted crypto trader Avraham Eisenberg's request to overturn a conviction for defrauding platform Mango Markets out of roughly \$110 million, finding that prosecutors didn't link his conduct to New York and failed to show he duped the platform.

U.S. District Judge Arun Subramanian vacated the commodities fraud and commodities manipulation charges against Eisenberg and acquitted him of a wire fraud charge in a rare decision that agreed that the government hadn't proven aspects of its case at trial despite the jury's April 2024 guilty verdict.

Eisenberg is represented by Sanford Talkin and Noam Greenspan of Talkin Muccigrosso and Brian Klein, Ashley Martabano and Riley Smith of Waymaker.

Mayer Brown LLP and Patton Tidwell & Culbertson LLP make this week's list after a Texas federal jury determined Wednesday that Samsung owes \$111.7 million after finding it infringed a series of patents covering functions in personal electronic devices owned by Maxell Ltd.

Maxell is represented by Jamie Beaver, Kfir Levy, Alan Grimaldi, James Fussell III, Saqib Siddiqui, Bryan Nese, Michael Lindinger, Robert Pluta, Amanda Streff Bonner, Tiffany Miller, Alison Gelsleichter, Tariq Javed, Seth Bruneel, Courtney Krawice, Séké Godo and So Ra Ko of Mayer Brown and Geoffrey Culbertson and Kelly Tidwell of Patton Tidwell.

Weil Gotshal & Manges LLP and Morgan Lewis & Bockius LLP succeeded after the Second Circuit held on May 23 that controlling shareholders who sell stock at a time when their company is conducting a share repurchase program cannot be sued to recoup so-called short-swing profits.

A three-judge panel of the court upheld the dismissal of a pair of lawsuits brought by Andrew Roth, a shareholder in the Estée Lauder Cos. Inc. and telecommunications provider Altice USA Inc. Roth claimed corporate insiders of those companies improperly profited off share repurchases to the tune of \$56.7 million and \$17.3 million, respectively.

Estée Lauder's controlling shareholders are represented by Zachary Tripp, Caroline Zalka and Shai Berman of Weil Gotshal. Altice's controlling shareholders are represented by Joseph Floren, Ari Selman and Michael Paslavsky of Morgan Lewis.

Latham & Watkins LLP, Wachtell Lipton Rosen & Katz, Fenwick & West LLP and Morrison & Foerster LLP round out this week's pride after Salesforce announced plans Tuesday to purchase cloud data management company Informatica in an \$8 billion deal.

Informatica is represented by Brian Mangino, Amber Banks, Max Schleusener, Alice Bradshaw, Henna Jalal, Tyler Arnfelt, Katie Connelly, Sean Sheely, Michelle Kim, Leah Beukelman, Taylor Larson, Amarantha Gomez, Danni Wang, Margaret "Juna" Kim, Noreen Latif, Mark Morris, Scott Ollivierre, David Della Rocca, James Robinson, Bryce Williamson, Christina Schrantz, Anthony Klein, Morgan Brubaker, Kellye Quirk, Robert Brown, Zac Alpert, Mandy Reeves, Katherine Rocco, Héctor Armengod, Tomas Nilsson, Philipp Studt, Matthew Piehl, Damara Chambers, Jana Dammann de Chaptó, Ruchi Gill, Eric

Green, Daniel Dominguez, Blair Connelly, Michele Johnson, Kristin Murphy, Kyle Jefcoat, Dean Baxtresser, Jeffrey Anderson, Charles McGrath and Andrew Rutsky of Latham & Watkins, and by Doug Cogen, David Michaels, Tom Ensign, Meredith Mommers and Susan Lee of Fenwick & West.

Salesforce is represented by Andrew Nussbaum, Meng Lu, Anna D'Ginto, Joseph Singh, Nicole Hovatter, Ilene Knable Gotts, Christian Fiscoeder, Adam Shapiro, Anna O'Carroll, Gregory Pessin, Benjamin Arfa, Luke Porcari, Jodi Schwartz and Clayton Hackney of Wachtell Lipton and Tessa Schwartz, Julie O'Neill, Tina Reynolds, Charles Capito, Lawrence Gallick, Tricia Matibag and Lindsay Harris of MoFo.

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