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Mr. Wilcox is a trial and appellate litigator who represents clients in complex intellectual property matters involving patent infringement, trade secret misappropriation, antitrust, and technology-related contract disputes. Mr. Wilcox has significant experience leading international patent litigation campaigns, coordinating the efforts of law firms in multiple countries. He has led teams throughout all phases of litigation involving a variety of technologies, including small molecules, nucleic acids, semiconductors, fintech, mobile devices, medical devices, internet communications protocols, video coding, and telecommunications. In addition to his litigation work, Mr. Wilcox negotiates settlement and license agreements and counsels clients on strategic patent licensing and antitrust claims.

Together with partner John Desmarais, Mr. Wilcox led the Desmarais team representing ViiV Healthcare and Shionogi in their case against Gilead. The case involved the HIV drugs dolutegravir and bicitgravir. ViiV and Shionogi mounted a novel infringement case against Gilead, defeated Gilead's multiple pretrial motions, and paved the way for a jury trial in early 2022. Shortly before that trial began, the case settled in an historic deal. See e.g., [Law360](#) - "Gilead Pays ViiV \$1.25B Plus Royalties To End Patent Suit"; [ALM/Law.com](#) - "Desmarais and McCarter Guide Glaxo to \$1.25 Billion Settlement with Gilead"; [IAM](#) - "GSK lands one of the biggest patent settlements of all time" (subscription required).

LMG Life Sciences recognized Mr. Wilcox as a "Life Sciences Star" in 2022.

Mr. Wilcox defended Cloud9 Technologies in a patent infringement and trade secret misappropriation lawsuit brought by IPC Systems in the District of Delaware. The litigation involved cloud communication technology for financial trading in which IPC sought damages and a permanent injunction against an emerging competitor. In 2019, the Desmarais LLP team led by Mr. Wilcox secured a favorable settlement after winning procedural victories to limit the trade secret misappropriation claims and filing an antitrust complaint against IPC.

In 2017, Cisco Systems engaged Desmarais LLP as trial counsel on the eve of the close of fact discovery to defend a patent infringement lawsuit brought

EDUCATION

The George Washington University Law School, J.D. with honors, 2003
Editor-in-Chief, The George Washington Law Review

United States Military Academy, West Point, B.S., Mechanical Engineering, 1995

ADMISSIONS

2003, Virginia

2007, District of Columbia

2013, New York

by Straight Path IP Group (now SPIP Litigation Group) in the Northern District of California. The litigation involved point-to-point Internet communication technology and sought up to \$123 million in damages. Mr. Wilcox led the case transition, strategy development, expert depositions, and briefing that resulted in a complete summary judgment win for Cisco just three months after taking over the case. Mr. Wilcox also led the appellate briefing that resulted in the Federal Circuit's affirmance of the victory. Mr. Wilcox then secured an exceptional case ruling and **award of \$1.9 million in attorneys' fees** from the district court. Later, Mr. Wilcox argued the appeal before the Federal Circuit, which issued a Rule 36 summary affirmance that preserved Desmarais LLP's district court victory for Cisco Systems.

Mr. Wilcox represented Enzo Life Sciences in an industry-wide patent assertion in the field of nucleic acid diagnostics. He litigated Enzo's foundational patents against numerous pharmaceutical companies in the District of Delaware. Enzo realized more than \$100 million in licensing revenues from favorable litigation settlements.

Mr. Wilcox leads the firm's *Pro Bono* Committee and represents disabled veterans in pro bono appeals before the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims and the Federal Circuit. Mr. Wilcox's work led to Desmarais LLP being awarded the Veterans Consortium VIP firm for July 2020. The Virginia Access to Justice Commission named Mr. Wilcox to the 2022 and 2023 Pro Bono Service Honor Rolls.

Mr. Wilcox is also active in his community, volunteering as an adult leader in his local Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA programs. He is also a member of the William Tudor Society, a West Point alumni lawyer group, and serves as a coordinator for the Society's annual Washington, DC summer internship program for West Point cadets.

Before his legal career, Mr. Wilcox served as a combat engineer officer in the United States Army from 1995 to 2000. He served in an airborne combat engineer battalion at Fort Liberty (formerly Bragg), holding multiple company and battalion level leadership positions and earning the rank of Captain. Mr. Wilcox is an Eagle Scout.

Prior Experience

- Associate, Cooley LLP, Reston, Virginia 2006-2012
- Associate, Kirkland & Ellis LLP, Washington, D.C., 2004-2006

Courts

- United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York
- United States District Court for the District of Columbia
- United States Court of Federal Claims
- Supreme Court of the United States

Clerk & Government Experience

- Law Clerk to the Hon. John G. Roberts, Jr., United States Court of Appeals, D.C. Circuit, 2003-2004

Other Distinctions

- *U.S. News & World Report, Best Lawyers*, Leading Patent Litigation Lawyer
- *Managing IP, IP STARS* - Washington, DC, 2025
- *Managing Intellectual Property, IAM Patent 1000*

Representative Matters

- Represented the Multimedia Patent Trust on all aspects of multi-defendant assertion of video coding patents.
- Represented Ronald A. Katz Technology Licensing L.P. in largest multidistrict patent litigation involving assertion of telecommunications patent portfolio.
- Represented Facebook in defense of patent infringement actions involving social networking technology.
- Represented HTC in patent infringement defense involving smart phone devices before the United States International Trade Commission.
- Represented iWalk in patent infringement actions involving bionic prosthetic technology.
- Represented Innovative Therapies in four related state and federal court actions involving defense of patent infringement and trade secret misappropriation claims regarding medical device technology.
- Represented Broadsoft in patent infringement defense involving VoIP technology.
- Represented disabled veterans in pro bono appeal before the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.

News & Publications

- Desmarais LLP Again Ranked in Managing IP's 2026 IP Stars
- Desmarais LLP Secures Full Reimbursement of Student Loan Interest for Veteran After VA Appeal
- Desmarais LLP Obtains Veterans Appeals Victory for Navy Veteran Seeking Disability Benefits
- LMG Highlights Desmarais LLP in 2025 Rankings, Names 3 Partners 'Life Sciences Stars'
- Best Lawyers Names John Desmarais 'Lawyer of the Year,' Honors 10 Desmarais LLP Attorneys in 2026 Rankings
- Desmarais LLP Named Leading Patent Litigation Firm in IP Stars Rankings, 11 Partners Recognized
- Desmarais LLP Receives Top-Tier Practice, Attorney Rankings in IAM Patent 1000
- Desmarais LLP Secures Defense Victory for Intel before the Federal Circuit

- Desmarais LLP Recognized in 2024 LMG Rankings, 3 Partners Named 'Life Sciences Stars'
- Desmarais LLP Earns Top-Tier IAM Patent 1000 Rankings, 16 Partners Recognized
- Desmarais LLP Wins Appellate Reversal for Veteran's Widow in Pro Bono DIC Case
- Desmarais LLP Highlighted in 2023 LMG Rankings, 5 Partners Named 'Life Sciences Stars'
- Best Lawyers Names John Desmarais 'Lawyer of the Year,' Recognizes 10 Desmarais LLP Attorneys
- Desmarais LLP Tops IAM Patent 1000 Rankings, 14 Partners Earn Individual Honors
- Desmarais LLP Recognized in LMG Rankings, 5 Attorneys Named 2022 'Life Sciences Stars'
- Best Lawyers Recognizes 10 Desmarais LLP Attorneys in 2023 Rankings
- Desmarais LLP Represents ViiV Healthcare and Shionogi in Patent Settlement, Securing \$1.25B Plus Royalties
- Desmarais LLP Earns Pro Bono Win for Veteran's Widow
- Desmarais LLP Secures Federal Circuit Victory to Preserve \$1.9M Fee Award for Cisco
- Desmarais LLP Secures Pro Bono Win in Veteran's Agent Orange Case
- Desmarais LLP Wins \$1.9M in Attorneys' Fees Representing Cisco