

## INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY **HOT LIST** | A SPECIAL REPORT

This week we recognize 15 law firms that accomplish great things in the realm of intellectual property law. We asked our readers to suggest firms that won major cases during 2014—both in dollars and impact—and received dozens of replies. We also conducted our own extensive research to identify the firms you'll find profiled here. They range from major firms with 1,000 or more lawyers to smaller shops that do IP law exclusively.



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### Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher

Any mention of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher's intellectual property work in 2014 must center on *Alice v. CLS Bank*. In a ruling viewed as the single biggest disrupter in patent law in recent times, the U.S. Supreme Court unanimously sided with Gibson Dunn on the limits of patent eligibility.

Courts across the country seized on the ruling to knock out suits early, and patent case filings plummeted in part because of *Alice*, a study by Lex Machina found.

While *Alice's* long-term effects are still being debated, the ruling was a clear victory for Gibson Dunn, and brought to an end long-running litigation that threatened to cripple client CLS Bank International, a financial institution that clears \$4 trillion in

transactions every day in the United States.

"They are literally a critical piece of the world financial infrastructure," said partner Mark Perry, who argued the case after the firm stepped in to undo an adverse panel ruling by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. "The currency markets would not operate efficiently without CLS Bank, and this patent infringement suit threatened this institution and therefore the operation of the entire world financial system."

Beyond *Alice*, Gibson Dunn's 2014 courtroom wins spanned industries and practice groups. In electronic gaming, it secured a victory on the pleadings for Zynga Inc. and Electronic Arts Inc. There were two major turnarounds at the Federal Circuit, one for Danisco USA Inc. and another for Lawson Software Inc., which got out from under stinging fines. For longtime pharmaceutical client Allergan Inc., Gibson successfully paired with Fish & Richardson for a bench trial over the validity of patents on glaucoma drug Lumina X.

And at the Supreme Court, client Nautilus Inc. prevailed in an infringement suit over its heart-rate monitors, in a case argued by co-counsel at Klarquist Sparkman. —GINNY LAROE

#### FIRM FACTS:

- Year founded: 1890 ■ Headquarters: New York
- Total attorneys: 1,235 ■ IP partners: 45 ■ IP associates: 70