

Corporate Attorney William Gay Joins Wilson Elser's L.A. Office

Wilson Elser announces that corporate attorney **William Tolin Gay** has joined the firm's Los Angeles office as a partner.

Gay brings to Wilson Elser 30 years of experience representing domestic and international clients in their business matters. His current transaction-focused practice encompasses all aspects of corporate law, including entity formation, mergers and acquisitions, corporate finance, licensing agreements and technology transfers. He also has extensive experience working with domestic and foreign clients in securities, real estate, intellectual property and franchising, the firm says in a release.

"Bill is a welcome addition to the firm's growing corporate law practice," said David Eisen, regional managing partner of the Los Angeles office. "Over the past 12 months the firm has acquired a number of laterals in offices across the country focused on domestic and cross-border matters including transactions, mergers and acquisitions, contracts, joint ventures, and others."

Fluent in Japanese language and law, having practiced in Tokyo for many years, Gay represents U.S. companies in their Japanese operations and Japanese companies in their U.S. operations. He also partners with immigration lawyers on obtaining immigrant investor visas primarily for Chinese clients.

Gay has earned an AV Preeminent Peer Review Rating by Martindale-Hubbell and was selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America*, including earning its highest honor, "Lawyer of the Year," in the Corporate Law category in Orange

County, CA (2009, 2013, 2015).

Gay is an active member of the State Bar of California and is currently serving a three-year term on the International Law Section's Executive Committee. In addition to holding this and other state bar positions over the years, Gay has assumed leadership roles with the Orange County Bar Association.

Gay earned his graduate and undergraduate degrees from the University of Washington, including his J.D. and LL.M degrees from the School of Law (1982 and 1984, respectively); his M.B.A. degree from the Michael G. Foster School of Business (1983); and his B.A. degree in economics and East Asian studies (1978). He is a California Real Estate Broker certified by the California Department of Real Estate.