

Richard Wilder

Biographical Information

Mr. Wilder is Associate General Counsel for Intellectual Property Policy at Microsoft Corporation. In that capacity, he has the responsibility for defining and driving the company-wide policy in all areas of intellectual property.

Mr. Wilder is a former Director of the Global Intellectual Property Issues Division of the World Intellectual Property Organization – a specialized agency of the United Nations in Geneva. While there he had responsibility for diverse issues, including public health and human rights. Following his return to private practice, he continued work in intellectual property, with emphasis on dispute settlement before the World Trade Organization, public policy issues confronting the information technology sector, and transactions in the life sciences. As to the latter area, his focus was on the field public health – including on access to existing medicines and the development of new ones, with particular focus on developing country needs.

Prior to his service in WIPO, Mr. Wilder served as an attorney-advisor in the Office of Legislative and International Affairs in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. There he had responsibility for industrial designs issues, including leading the U.S. delegation in negotiations on the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs.

Mr. Wilder has taught law – including at the University of Malaya, Malaysia - and speaks and writes often in the field of international and intellectual property law. Mr. Wilder has an engineering degree from the University of Washington, Seattle, Washington and practiced as a power generation engineer for several years - primarily in the developing world. He has a law degree (Juris Doctorate) from the Franklin Pierce Law Center, Concord, New Hampshire and is admitted to practice in the District of Columbia, New Hampshire and before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.