Irell Captures Pair of Law360 Practice Group of the Year Honors

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Irell & Manella LLP scored two Practice Group of the Year awards from Law360—in both the IP and trials categories. In profiles for each honor, the publication singled out Irell’s string of massive wins in the past year, including the firm’s $506.2 million jury award for PanOptis in a suit against Apple involving 4G LTE technology—the first patent jury trial in the country since the pandemic began. Other highlighted victories include Irell’s $1.2 billion damages result for Sloan Kettering Institute for Cancer Research and Juno Therapeutics in patent litigation against Kite Pharma involving a groundbreaking cancer immunotherapy, as well as the firm’s separate jury awards totaling more than $300 million for United Services Automobile Association in patent suits against Wells Fargo related to mobile check deposit technology.

In the IP award, Law360 also pointed to Irell’s unanimous U.S. Supreme Court victory for NantKwest, which struck down a U.S. Patent and Trademark Office policy that applicants must foot the agency’s legal bills no matter who wins.

Irell was one of only six firms nationwide selected for the IP honor, and one of just five in the U.S. recognized for their trials practice.

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