

International Trade Commission Section 337

Lightning fast IP litigation before the International Trade Commission (ITC) can offer powerful remedies for business critical disputes involving imports into the United States.

When the stakes are high, you need the right partner – one with the foremost legal, technical, and industry experience, a real understanding of how this complex U.S. government agency operates, and a team that seamlessly collaborates to protect your interests.

No other firm can provide inside perspective like we can. Our team is one of the only in the country that includes a former ITC judge, Theodore Essex, who served as an ITC judge for more than a decade. Our clients benefit from our insider knowledge and ability to connect with ITC staff and get issues resolved quickly.

Having handled more than 50 ITC cases, we have a proven track record of success, including at trial.

Our team includes 30 experienced ITC Section 337 lawyers and we have significant experience litigating every type of IP case at the ITC, including patent, trade secret, and trademark.

We are one of the only firms that can defend you globally. Section 337 investigations are cross-border in nature. Often,

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Areas of focus

Post-Grant Proceedings

Customs and Import
Compliance

Related practices

Trade Secrets and
Confidential Know-how

Copyright

Patents

Trademarks and Brands

there are parallel cases in foreign jurisdictions, and ITC discovery frequently extends outside the United States. Hogan Lovells has a team of more than 260 experienced IP litigators in 46 offices around the world – from the United States to Europe to Asia – to support you. Combined with our know how in customs proceedings through our leading International Trade practice, we have you covered from all angles.

Representative experience

We have successfully represented Daimler/Mercedes-Benz for more than a decade at the ITC accusing auto, navigation, and media technologies, recently forcing complainant to dismiss its case before hearing.

Our defense of Dell at the ITC involved defending against six patents relating to computer memory technologies. We succeeded in having the majority of Dell's accused products excluded from the investigation.

We successfully defended uPI Semiconductor in an ITC enforcement proceeding involving patent infringement and trade secret misappropriation related to power management IC technology.

We successfully represented Kimberly-Clark Corporation at the ITC, obtaining a general exclusion order barring the import of all purple protective gloves that infringe the client's COLOR PURPLE trademarks.

We successfully represented Segway against a myriad of manufacturers, obtaining an exclusion order against SWAGWAY branded hover boards and accessories based on the SEGWAY mark.

Awards and rankings

- IP Law Firm of the Year - Italy, *Legalcommunity IP & TMT Awards*, 2021-2018
- Shortlisted as Americas IP Firm of the Year, *Managing Intellectual Property*, 2020

- Global IP Firm of the Year, *Managing Intellectual Property*, 2019 & 2018
- Band 1 for Intellectual Property, *Chambers Global*, 2020
- International Trade Law Firm of the Year, *Chambers*, 2019

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