

U.S. International Trade Commission Judge Theodore R. Essex Joins IP Litigation Practice at Hogan Lovells

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In continuing to offer our clients the highest quality, insightful legal services, the IP litigation practice at Hogan Lovells is proud to announce the addition of former U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) Administrative Law Judge Theodore (Ted) R. Essex to our Washington, D.C. office.

Having served as a U.S. ITC Judge for a decade, Judge Essex brings a wealth of knowledge to our IP practice and clients around the globe. He has been hailed as an unofficial ambassador to intellectual property lawyers and judges throughout the U.S., Asia and Europe. Having been on the other side of the court room, Judge Essex's experience provides singular insight and perspective that allows him to effectively identify clients' needs and offer one-of-kind strategic counsel.

Appointed to the ITC bench in October 2007, Judge Essex has been at the forefront of intellectual property law issues for a number of years, handling scores of Section 337 proceedings involving the world's most valuable and renowned companies. He is the only person to have served as the President of both the Pauline Newman and Giles S. Rich American Inns of Court, which focus on the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit and the most significant intellectual property issues. Prior to his time on the bench, Judge Essex held several positions as a trial lawyer with the U.S. Air Force, and was a trial attorney and public defender in Ohio.

The ITC is an important forum for IP litigation for our clients both within and outside the U.S. Judge Essex is a natural fit for this practice, and our clients will certainly benefit from his unique perspective and experiences as a former Judge.

About the International Trade Section 337 practice

With an interdisciplinary approach and global presence, Hogan Lovells' ITC Section 337 practice is uniquely positioned to assist clients involved in IP enforcement actions regarding the importation of products into the U.S. Due to the speed, rigor, and differing procedures and requirements inherent in this important and specialized IP litigation arena, parties that file and defend ITC cases will face critical strategic choices. Our lawyers have successful track records moving those choices forward to both legal and business wins. Our worldwide excellence and commitment to our clients is reflected in the top rankings we earn from leading legal directories and third parties. With a team of over 30 litigators working in the ITC space, including a former President of the ITC Trial Lawyers Association and now Judge Essex, Hogan Lovells brings to each ITC proceeding knowledge of the Commission's rules, procedures, and precedent, and familiarity with key decision-makers who determine the outcomes of proceedings.



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