



## **INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION SECTION 337 INVESTIGATIONS**

### **Brand Protection**

The U.S. International Trade Commission investigates unfair imports that involve allegations of patent and trademark infringement. Our skilled IP attorneys have defended these allegations, which fall under Section 337, in trial proceedings before administrative law judges, and also work to protect clients from unfair competition. For respondents and complainants, ITC actions are a swift alternative to lengthy court proceedings.

When clients find themselves in need of guidance involving challenges to patents, trademarks, copyrights, trade secrets or other types of unfair competition regarding imported goods, our team's trial skills and case management tools can help resolve these matters efficiently. Our team works with respondents, complainants, and third parties – and has the knowledge to create effective strategies for each.

ITC investigations – cases heard by administrative law judges – are usually resolved in 18 months or less and are often the preferred type of proceeding. In addition, the ITC does not award monetary damages.

We have deep trial experience in front of administrative law judges, along with the knowledge and technical skills to help resolve clients' most challenging IP disputes. Our team has worked across a wide variety of industries, including automotive, computer software, chemicals, mechanical patents, semiconductors, and telecommunications in Asia, Europe, South America, and the United States.

As the global economy continues to swell, it is necessary for companies, large and small, to be aware of international trade policies and how to best approach an alleged violation. There are numerous remedies along the way that can help avoid going to court. We advise on obtaining or

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Finding new ways to help clients identify solutions and new business opportunities, across industries, is at our core. We are, at times, more than lawyers, we are advisers bringing new ideas to light. We understand what keeps you up at night and work collaboratively to find practical and creative solutions, at the heart of business.

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fighting exclusion orders and cease and desist orders by the ITC, and work with clients on ways to protect their IP assets in order to avoid unfair import investigations.

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