

# Legal Updates

## In Case You Missed It, 2019: Year-End IP Media Round-Up, Including AI, Trademark, ITC, Patent, and More

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Throughout the year, we strive to provide you with interesting content regarding newsworthy intellectual property (IP) cases and issues. We hope you have found our 2019 IP client alerts and blog posts informative and useful to your business.

In case you missed any, please click on the links below, organized by topic and month of publication:

### **Artificial Intelligence (AI)**

- November: Can An Algorithm Be An Author? (And Other AI Questions The PTO Is Now Asking)
- September: Can a Computer Be an Inventor? The PTO Wants to Know What You Think

### **Blockchain**

- February: USPTO's Latest Guidance Should Ease the Burden for Blockchain Patent Applications

### **Copyright and Trademark**

- December: Copyright Clash to Receive Supreme Treatment
- July: IP Reigns Supreme: Big Week for Intellectual Property at the Highest Court
- June: Supreme Court [in] Brief: Two IP-Related Cases Will Be Heard by the Highest Court
- June: District Court Finds Use of Third-Party Hashtags Created Implied Association
- May: In *Mission Product Holdings*, Supreme Court Decides That Trademark Licensee's Rights Are Not Revoked by Licensor's Rejection of a Trademark License in Bankruptcy

### **Counterfeits and Knockoffs**

- December: Congress Seeks to Curb Counterfeits: New Senate Bill Aims to Provide Enhanced Border Enforcement for Design Patents
- October: Varidesk Keeps Foreign Knockoffs Seated With ITC General Exclusion Order
- June: “Mounting” an Offense in the ITC to Stop Foreign Knockoffs at the Border
- June: Real or Fake? ITC Investigating Allegations of Importation and Sale of Counterfeit Dresses, Jumpsuits, and Maxi Skirts

### **International Trade Commission (ITC)**

- October: Wondering How Much Domestic Industry Is Enough For The ITC? The Answer May Never Be Absolute
- July: Not a No-Brainer: Institution of an ITC Investigation Means Careful Consideration of the Complaint
- April: Fitness Companies Flex Their IP Muscle in Federal District Court and ITC

### **Patent, PTAB, and IPR**

- December: A Federal Circuit Reminder About the Importance of Evidence of the Knowledge of Those Skilled in the Art
- November: Overlook Patent Claim Preambles at Your Peril
- October: Are You Sitting Down? Design Patent Claim Language Limits Scope of Protection
- August: A Good Looking Truck: Design Patents Can Protect Aesthetic Appeal of Auto Parts
- August: July 2019 Update to the US Patent and Trademark Office Patent Trial Practice Guide
- June: How a Merger Killed an IPR
- February: Stride Rite Turns Out the Lights on Competitors' Light-Up Footwear Patents
- February: USPTO Issues New Guidelines for Determining Subject Matter Eligibility Under 35 U.S.C. § 101

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