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John Welch has represented clients in scores of patent, trademark, copyright, unfair competition, and domain name lawsuits across the country, and has handled hundreds of opposition and cancellation proceedings before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board (TTAB) of the US Patent and Trademark Office.

He is responsible for the international trademark portfolios of a number of major companies in such diverse fields as restaurant services, food processing machinery, and computer hardware and software. John has obtained numerous utility and design patents for clients in a variety of industries, such as lighting fixtures, electrical instrumentation, ceramic candle holders, food processing machinery, and kitchen utensils.

Testimonial:

"I just want to say thank you for all the hard work you have done over the years in putting together your blog...You are providing the world with much needed insight into what can be a frightening and challenging field of work and I admire your passion."

Experience

- Obtained summary judgment of validity and infringement in a patent infringement lawsuit in New Orleans involving a patent on a laser board game, including entry of a permanent injunction.
- Assisted a bank in a proceeding under the Uniform Domain Name Resolution Policy (UDRP) involving the domain names that included the bank's name, resulting in a transfer of those domain names to the bank.
- Represented a restaurant company in a federal lawsuit alleging infringement of that client's service mark by another restaurant, resulting in a settlement of the dispute whereby the defendants agreed to change the name of their restaurant.

Education

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, BS, Electrical Engineering, *summa cum laude*

Harvard Law School, JD

Practice Groups

Trademark & Copyright

Litigation

Mechanical Technologies

- Successfully teamed with a company in the clothing field in obtaining a TTAB decision sustaining the client's opposition to registration of a design of a standing dog in the color yellow, the TTAB finding that mark likely to cause confusion with the client's standing dog design.
- Represented an engineering software company in connection with infringement of its copyright in a book in the field of design for manufacture and assembly.
- Represented a European fashion company in successfully overturning a United States Patent and Trademark Office refusal to register a design mark containing the term "AUX ETATS UNIS," which the Office had deemed geographically deceptive of luggage.

Activities

- Founder and Publisher of [The TTABlog](#)
- Member, Board of Editors, *The Trademark Reporter*
- Member of the Trademarks and Unfair Competition Committee of the Boston Patent Law Association
- Contributing Editor, *Allen's Trademark Digest*

Recognition

- AV rated by Martindale-Hubbell
- Named to *World Trademark Review 1000 – The World's Leading Trademark Professionals* from 2012-2018
- Named as one of Massachusetts "Super Lawyers" in the field of intellectual property from 2004-2017

Interests

Sports, music, and photography