Steptoe

The International Trade Commission

Fast and Powerful Relief



The ITC's Value to You

When complex, high-stakes intellectual property (IP) disputes threaten the bottom line, companies increasingly look to the fast and powerful relief offered by the United States International Trade Commission (ITC). Governed by Section 337, the ITC investigates and provides relief for companies by preventing the importation or sale of goods that infringe on a patent, trademark, copyright, or products made using misappropriated trade secrets. The breadth of the ITC's mandate coupled with its compressed timeline makes it invaluable for IP rights holders and a federal agency to be respected by those accused of violating Section 337.

Steptoe's Value Proposition

With more than four decades of experience at the ITC, few firms possess our record of success. We have succeeded in several hundred Section 337 cases for both complainants and respondents and are ranked as one of the most active law firms according to *Corporate Counsel* magazine. Our lawyers combine tremendous subject-matter experience with litigation acumen and also harness the strength of our award-winning International Trade practice.

12-16 MONTHS
Resolution of the average case

TECHNOLOGY EXPERIENCE

Graphics and video processing, computer networking and Internet of Things (IoT), telecommunications, solar power, automotive, LED lighting, medical devices, and consumer electronics

The Steptoe Advantage

- Unparalleled experience - Steptoe has more than 40 years of experience litigating before the ITC
- Consistent success - Our team members have been involved in over 200 investigations, approximately 20% of all Section 337 investigations
- An insider's perspective - Our team includes a former senior investigative attorney at the ITC
- Marketplace recognition - Our practice is consistently ranked among the best by *Chambers USA*, *Chambers Global*, and *Legal 500*
- Strategic insight - Our team regularly speaks at industry events and writes for leading publications about the ITC, international trade, and Customs issues

Steptoe has been involved in
200+ ITC Investigations

Representative Matters

Certain Shingled Solar Modules, Components Thereof, and Methods for Manufacturing the Same (2020), USITC Inv. No. 337-TA-1223 – Representing complainant The Solaria Corporation in asserting three patents related to solar panels.

Certain High-Density Fiber Optic Equipment and Components Thereof (2020), USITC Inv. No. 337-TA-1194 – Representing Panduit Corporation and The LAN Wirewerks Research Laboratories Inc. against allegations of infringement of patents related to fiber optic equipment.

Certain Wireless Communication Devices and Related Components Thereof (2019), USITC Inv. No. 337-TA-1180 – Represented respondent Resideo Technologies against allegations of patent infringement related to Internet of Things (IoT) devices. The matter was successfully settled.

Certain Light-Emitting Diode Products, Systems, and Components Thereof (I) (2019), USITC Inv. No. 337-TA-1163; 1164; 1168 – Complete win for respondents Leedarson Lighting Co. Ltd. and Leedarson America, Inc. against allegations of infringement of multiple patents and false advertising related to LED and Internet of Things (IoT) technologies.

Unmanned Aerial Vehicles and Components Thereof (2018), USITC Inv. No. 337-TA-1133 –Successfully represented complainant Autel Robotics USA in asserting patents related to autonomous aerial vehicles (drones).

Certain Infotainment Systems, Components Therefore, and Automobiles Containing the Same (2018), USITC Inv. No. 337-TA-1119 – Representing complainant Broadcom Corporation in asserting patents related to infotainment systems, processors, GPS, and other components in infotainment systems, and automobiles containing such systems.

Certain Semiconductor Devices and Consumer Audiovisual Products Containing the Same (2017), USITC Inv. No. 337-TA-1047 – Achieved successful settlements for complainant Broadcom Corporation in asserting patents related to semiconductor devices and audiovisual products.

Certain Carbon and Alloy Steel Products (2016), USITC Inv. No. 337-TA-1002 – In a landmark victory, Steptoe defended respondent Shougang Group against allegations of antitrust violations and false designation of marking.

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