

Domain Law and Domain Disputes

We are familiar with the international aspects of domain name law and the rules that govern a disputed domain name, including domain names ending in .com, .cn, .us, .co, .uk, .me, .de, .ca, .com, .au, or another country code. We have instituted legal proceedings to recover domain names for our clients around the globe and in forums such as the World Intellectual Property Organization, the National Arbitration Forum, the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre and the United States court system. We institute litigation where appropriate, but resolve the majority of our clients' domain disputes cost-effectively and without litigation. Services include:

- Advice and counsel to protect and grow our clients' domain name portfolios, including advice related to domain name purchases, the overlap between trademark law and domain law, and potential domain name liabilities
- Online assessment of what domain names are currently being registered and used unlawfully by third parties that contain our clients' trademarks
- Negotiation of domain name transfers with domain owners based on trademark infringement or other violations of law, including the negotiation and drafting of domain name purchase and ownership agreements
- Uniform Domain-Name Dispute-Resolution Policy (UDRP)
- Advice and counsel regarding the rules and regulations governing domains that include foreign country codes and the utilization of "domain lock" procedures in foreign jurisdictions

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