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David Weslow Weighs in on Generic Top-Level Domain Litigation

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David E. Weslow, a partner in Wiley Rein's Intellectual Property Practice, was quoted in an article published yesterday in *Trademark & Brands Online* about an appeal filed in a case involving a dispute over a generic top-level domain (gTLD) application.

According to the article, Del Monte Foods successfully opposed issuance of the .delmonte gTLDto its formerly related company Del Monte International. Del Monte International subsequently filed suit against Del Monte Foods under the Anticybersquatting Consumer Protection Act (ACPA) seeking to overturn the blocking decision. The U.S. District Court for the Central District of California dismissed the lawsuit and, on June 4, the company appealed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

"If a substantive decision is rendered by the Ninth Circuit, this will be the first appellate court ruling addressing the new gTLD program and the application (or the affirmance of non-application) of the ACPA's cybersquatting and reverse domain name hijacking causes of action to new gTLD applications," Mr. Weslow said.

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