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David Weslow Discusses Domain Name Dispute Process with Domain Sherpa

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David Weslow, a partner in Wiley Rein's Intellectual Property Practice, was interviewed by *Domain Sherpa* on the Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Process (UDRP) for domain name disputes.

Mr. Weslow discussed the record number of domain name dispute filings to date in 2012. He outlined the specific processes and how filing decisions are made, the four service providers for the UDRP and case examples. Mr. Weslow has been involved in dozens of domain name cases this year. He stated, "Very often, domain name disputes start with a cease and desist and an attempt to work it out; and then from there it may be UDRP...it may go from there to Federal Court. So, the UDRP is a piece, or a procedure, that is available when there is a dispute."

The release of 1,400 new generic top-level domains (gTLDs) will impact the need to consider future UDRP actions. Mr. Weslow remarked, "I think there are really two takeaways for businesses. The first is, if you did not apply, now is the time to take a look at that list...If they do not raise concerns, then that helps you see what is coming down the road. The second step is to start planning...what is your approach going to be once new gTLDs go live?" He also advised that often "it is more efficient to defensively register during sunrise because that is going to cost a lot less" by avoiding the need to file large numbers of UDRP proceedings.

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