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Domain Name Registration — We have demonstrated expertise in assisting clients with global registration strategies and global domain name management. Our experience and expertise spans gTLDs, ccTLDs, and newly-developed TLDs.

Enforcement — Our attorneys have investigated and terminated domain name abuse and misuse by cybersquatters and competitors. We have successfully recovered infringing domain names through Cease & Desist letters, negotiations, UDRP proceedings and, when necessary, through formalized court proceedings. For some clients we also actively police the web for infringing uses of names and marks in trademarks and confusingly similar domain names as well as in other contexts. We have successfully instituted numerous take downs of infringing materials on auction sites such as Amazon.com and eBay. We have shut down numerous email accounts and domains identified as sources of fraudulent email requests and solicitations, often using advanced forensics to piece through cloaking and computer hijacking involving Zombies and Botnets as well as Phishing, Outlining and Spoofing frauds.

Miscellaneous — IpHorgan has created corporate domain name policies for effective use and control of company domain name portfolios. Our attorneys continually monitor new developments and formulate strategies for developing and defending corporate brands, whether on social-networking sites, blogs, or other online information-sharing and marketing platforms.

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Gary Saposnik focuses on Domain Name counseling and dispute resolution, International Trademark Prosecution and Disputes, International Oppositions and Cancellations, Trade Secret counseling, Copyright and Social Media counseling and other Internet-related aspects of intellectual property. He has advised Fortune 500 companies regarding their domain name strategies, portfolios and enforcement, while protecting intellectual property assets and procuring domain names for clients through successful proceedings under the Uniform Domain-Name Dispute Resolution Policy (UDRP) and other enforcement solutions. Gary has successfully prosecuted numerous International and U.S. trademark applications and represented clients in opposition and cancellation proceedings throughout Europe, Asia, and all parts of the world. He has had extensive civil litigation experience and has been admitted to the Federal Trial Bar for the Northern District of Illinois. Gary earned an LL.M. degree in Intellectual Property, with Honors, from The John Marshall Law School, he received a J.D. from Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, and a B.A. in Economics from the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana. He is a former Chair of the International Trademark Committee and Vice-Chair of the U.S. Trademark Committee of the Intellectual Property Law Association of Chicago.

Jeannine Rittenhouse concentrates on United States and International Trademark Prosecution and Enforcement, as well as Copyright, Trade Identity, Domain Name and Unfair Competition matters. She has counseled clients on an array of issues involving copyright protection and enforcement, secured copyright registrations and licenses on behalf of clients, successfully prosecuted a diverse group of trademark applications from the searching and clearance stage all the way through registration worldwide, represented clients in trademark oppositions and cancellations in multiple jurisdictions, and advised on issues involving the Internet and intellectual property. She has experience assisting a wide variety of clients that ranges from counseling small businesses, artists and authors on the registration and enforcement of their intellectual property rights, to advising multinational Fortune 500 corporations on the searching and clearance of new brands worldwide and on the maintenance, prosecution, protection and enforcement of their global trademark and domain portfolios. Jeannine is admitted to practice in the state of Illinois, has a Bachelor of Science from the University of Wisconsin, earned her J.D. from DePaul University College of Law, is a member of the Chicago Bar Association and occasionally guest-lectures for the DePaul College of Law Technology/Intellectual Property Legal Clinic.

Dmitriy O. Makarov handles Anti-counterfeiting, Copyright, Domain-Name, Trademark, Trade Identity and Unfair Competition law matters. Dmitriy has been active in all aspects of international trademark law, from managing customs recordals, title updates and assignment recordals, to performing trademark clearance searches, conducting due-diligence portfolio reviews, preparing and prosecuting trademark applications and extensions of international registrations, to locating and investigating misuse, and enforcing clients' intellectual property rights. Dmitriy has successfully negotiated domain name transfers, investigated malicious e-mails with return address forged to identify a client, counseled clients on the technical aspects of the proposed new gTLD application process, and helped secure usernames for brands on social media sites. He is fluent in Russian and has an extensive background in business and computer technology. Dmitriy has a B.S. in International Business from North Central College and earned his J.D. from DePaul University College of Law.

Carlynn B. Ferguson concentrates on U.S. and International Trademark Prosecution and Enforcement, including Anti-counterfeiting and Domain-Name issues, Copyright Protection & Enforcement and other Internet-related Intellectual Property matters. She has experience assisting clients ranging from start-up companies and artists to corporations with world-wide intellectual property portfolios on a variety of issues including trademark clearance, registration, maintenance and enforcement and copyright licensing and enforcement. She also specializes in enforcing client rights against counterfeiters, managing Criminal anti-counterfeiting actions in China and elsewhere, and against cybersquatters. Carlynn is admitted to the Bar of Illinois. She earned her J.D. and Certificate in Intellectual Property law from DePaul College of Law where she served as Legislative Updates Editor for DePaul's Journal of Art and Entertainment Law. She has a B.S. in Business Marketing (with Honors) from Miami University, Oxford, Ohio.

Amanda R. Peluse concentrates on U.S. and International Trademark Prosecution and Enforcement, as well as Anti-Counterfeiting, Copyright, and Domain-name matters. She has counseled clients ranging from local not-for-profit organizations to multinational Fortune 500 corporations on a variety of issues including trademark conflict resolution, global counterfeiting, brand selection, copyright enforcement and general intellectual property portfolio management. Amanda has successfully prosecuted a wide variety of trademarks globally, from the clearance phase to registration, and has also represented clients in trademark opposition and cancellation actions in several jurisdictions throughout the world. She counsels trademark clients on anti-counterfeiting and domain misuse matters, having successfully enforced client rights against counterfeiters and cybersquatters alike. Amanda has been admitted to the Bar in the State of Illinois, and is a member of the Intellectual Property Law Association of Chicago's Trademarks Committee. She earned her B.A. from Princeton University and her J.D. and Certificate in Intellectual Property, Art and Museum Law from DePaul University College of Law.

Mark A. Nields focuses on U.S. and International Trademark Clearance and Prosecution, Trademark Trial and Appeal Board Cancellations and Oppositions, Intellectual Property Litigation, Domain Name counseling, dispute resolution and other Internet-related matters, as well as Copyright and Unfair Competition matters. He has extensive experience in U.S. Trademark Clearance and Prosecution, with a particular emphasis on new-product roll-out, branding strategy and naming, working regularly with a number of large and small businesses, advertising and branding consultants on product naming and launch projects. Additionally, Mark has significant litigation experience in both the state and Federal Courts, as well as experience with Trademark Oppositions and Cancellations before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board. He also drafts and consults clients regarding numerous IP-related licenses and contracts as well as IP-related due diligence matters associated with business transactions. Mark earned his J.D., with honors, from Chicago-Kent College of Law. He has a B.A. from Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. He is a member of the Illinois Bar.