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Lauren E. Peterson is an international trade and intellectual property attorney focusing her practice on Section 337 unfair competition investigations before the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC). She represents clients in a wide range of industries, including lithium-ion batteries, steel, pharmaceuticals and dietary supplements, barbecue grills, consumer lighting, footwear, computers, flash memory devices, network security, solar power, hospital beds, and office machines. She has handled claims involving patents, trademarks, copyrights, trade secrets, false designation of origin, and antitrust violations.

Lauren has experience in all stages of an ITC investigation, from drafting a complaint through final appeals to the Commission. This experience has involved significant collaboration with domestic and foreign co-counsel, as well as industry experts.

Previously, Lauren was a partner at an international trade boutique in Washington, DC, focusing exclusively on Section 337 litigation.

Lauren is a contributing author to the second, third, and fourth editions of the American Bar Association book titled "A Lawyer's Guide to Section 337 Investigations Before the U.S. International Trade Commission." She frequently speaks on a variety of intellectual property issues and currently serves as a co-chair of the Intellectual Property Owners Association's U.S. International Trade Commission committee.

Education

- The George Washington University Law School (J.D.)
- The George Washington University (B.S., *cum laude*)

Bar Admissions

- District of Columbia
- Virginia
- Admitted to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office

Memberships

Capabilities

- International Trade Commission Section 337 Litigation
- Intellectual Property Litigation
- Intellectual Property

- Giles S. Rich American Inn of Court
- ITC Trial Lawyers Association
- Intellectual Property Owners Association (Vice-Chair- ITC Committee)
- Federal Circuit Bar Association

Recognition

- *Managing Intellectual Property*, IP Stars – Notable Practitioner, 2024-2025
- The Legal 500, Next Generation Partner, Intellectual Property: Patents: Litigation (International Trade Commission) 2021, 2022
- The Legal 500, Rising Star, Intellectual Property: Patents: Litigation (International Trade Commission) 2020
- Super Lawyers, Rising Stars- IP Litigation- 2019, 2021-2023
- Patexia, Top 10 – Most Active ITC Section 337 Attorney, 2022

Matters

Trade Secrets - Represented complainants **LG Chem, Ltd., LG Chem Inc., and LG Energy Solutions** against respondents SK Battery America Inc., SK Battery Hungary Kft., and SK Innovation Co., Ltd. in a Section 337 action regarding misappropriation of trade secrets of certain lithium ion batteries, battery cells, battery modules, battery packs, components thereof, and processes therefor (ITC Inv. No. 337-TA-1159.)

- Prevailed at the ITC, which led to the client obtaining a \$1.8 billion settlement paid by South Korean battery maker SK Innovation (“SKI”) to LG, which is the largest trade secret claim settlement in history This settlement will effectively settle the dispute between SKI and LG, evade a 10-year U.S. import ban that would have set back the Biden administration’s electric vehicle push, allow SKI to continue its plans to expand its manufacturing base in Georgia, and prevent new lawsuits between SKI and LG for the next 10 years. As part of the team representing LG , responsible for supervising the computer forensics which exposed the extensive destruction of evidence by the respondents, which led to the default ruling by the ALJ, and contributed specialized knowledge and expertise concerning all aspects of trade secret misappropriation, as well as domestic industry, injury to that industry, and remedy and public interest issues. Heavily involved in the highly active Presidential review of the ITC remedial orders. Read more here.

Provided legal and strategic advice in connection with a Section 337 complaint filed by **Nike, Inc** as complainant against adidas AG and Adidas North America, Inc. on footwear with knitted uppers (ITC Inv. No. 337-TA-1289). The parties entered into a favorable settlement in August 2022 with a substantial payment to Nike.

Represented complainant **NOCO** in a patent and trademark Section 337 action regarding portable lithium-ion battery jump starters (ITC Inv. No. 337-TA-1256.) The Commission issued a Limited Exclusion Order against respondents found to infringe NOCO’s Trademarks. Read more here.

Represented non-party and a dozen named respondents against complainants Flooring Industries Ltd., IVC US Inc. and Mohawk Industries, Inc. in a patent-based Section 337 action regarding luxury vinyl tile (ITC Inv. No. 337-TA-1155). This investigation addressed and, through settlement, resolved numerous clashes over intellectual property in the

flooring industry. The investigation concluded with the issuance of a general exclusion order, which will protect the interests of all manufacturers importing licensed flooring products.

Publications

February 2025

ITC Section 337 Investigations: 2024 Highlights and Insights

Author, Reuters Practical Law Journal

2022

A Lawyer's Guide to Section 337 Investigations Before the U.S. International Trade Commission

American Bar Association

June 2022

Federal Circuit Bar Association (FCBA) 2022 Bench & Bar Conference