

Trade Dress

Trade dress rights protect the “look and feel” or the overall appearance of products and their packaging. Through involvement in the development process with a client, we can help steer new products and services to successful launch, with associated establishment of enforceable exclusive rights. We can also litigate to ensure that clients’ trade dress remain protected from competitors.

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