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BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Jeffrey M. SAMUELS
Sausalito, CA
United States of America



Nationality: American

EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

B.A., Colgate University, New York, 1972;
J.D., Albany Law School, Union University, 1975.

LANGUAGES

English

PRESENT POSITION

Professor Emeritus, The University of Akron School of Law;
Consultant and expert witness in trademark and related unfair competition cases;
Panelist, UDRP and related domain name proceedings.

EXPERIENCE BEFORE PRESENT POSITION

David L. Brennan Professor of Law and Director, Center for Intellectual Property and Technology, The University of Akron School of Law (1998-2014);
Law Office of Jeffrey M. Samuels, specializing in the practice of intellectual property law, including trademark and copyright prosecution and litigation, licensing and counseling (1996-98);
Partner, Spencer, Frank and Schneider, Washington DC, specializing in practice of trademark law 1993-96;

January 10, 2022

Assistant Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office – responsible for management of USPTO's trademark operations.

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL BODIES

Chair, Trademark Public Advisory Committee of the United States Patent and Trademark Office – July 2003-July 2006;
 American Bar Association (ABA); Section of Intellectual Property Law;
 American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA);
 Intellectual Property Owners, Association (IPO).

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Trademark and related unfair competition law.

EXPERIENCE IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), Assistant Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks 1987-93:

- Headed agency's Trademark Operations, including implementation of the Trademark Law Revision Act of 1988;
- Head of the U.S. delegation to numerous Committees of Experts convened by WIPO relating to the drafting of regulations implementing the Madrid Agreement and Protocol and to the drafting of the Trademark Law Treaty;
- Represented the U.S. Administration at a number of congressional hearings;
 Partner, Spencer, Frank & Schneider, 1993-96;
- Prosecution of trademark applications with the USPTO and litigation before Federal Courts and the USPTO's Trademark Trial and Appeal Board.

Bureau of National Affairs Inc.:

- *BNA's Patent, Trademark & Copyright Journal*, 1976-87;
- Managing Editor, 1982-87. MAJOR PUBLICATIONS.

Editor, *Patent, Trademark and Copyright Laws*, Bloomberg/BNA (1983-present);

Author, chapter entitled "Foreign Trademark Protection" and substantially revised the chapter on "Trademark Prosecution" in the multi-volume treatise *Trademark Protection and Practice*, by Jerome Gilsons, Mathew Bender;

"Color Trademarks: Shades of Confusion," *The Trademark Reporter*, Vol. 83, page 554 (co-author);

"The U.S. Perspective on the Madrid Protocol," *European Intellectual Property Review*, Vol. 15, Issue II, November 1993 (co-author);

"The Changing Landscape of International Trademark Law", *George Washington Journal of International Law and Economics*, Vol. 27, Nos. 2 & 3, 1994, pp. 433-455 (co-author).

EXPERIENCE IN COURT LITIGATION

Has worked on several cases in the U.S.A.:

- copyright infringement relating to architectural blueprints;
- an action for trade dress and trademark infringement;
- *inter partes* proceedings before the USPTO's Trademark Trial and Appeal Board, primarily opposition and cancellation proceedings.

Has been retained as an expert/consultant on a number of trademark-related matters involving

trademarks and service marks owned by The Limited, Inc., Visa International, Cross Pen, W.R. Grace & Co, the National Basketball Association, Tandy Corp., and numerous other companies.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING IN MEDIATION

AIPLA's Institute on Alternative Dispute Resolution, Florida, January 1993;
AIPLA's Mediation Course, November 1996. Attended training sessions offered by U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING IN ARBITRATION

During law school, was enrolled in a course on labor arbitration;
AIPLA's Institute on Alternative Dispute Resolution, Florida, January 1993.

EXPERIENCE IN MEDIATION

As an Assistant Commissioner at the USPTO from 1987 to 1993, was called upon to "mediate" a number of labor disputes between various public employee unions and Patent and Trademark Office management. Mediated several trademark-related disputes under programs sponsored by International Trademark Association and U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio.

EXPERIENCE IN ARBITRATION

As part of a law school course on labor arbitration, has attended several actual arbitration hearings and drafted proposed arbitration awards for review by the professor/arbitrator;
At the USPTO served as the deciding official in a number of personnel-related matters, which included rendering written decisions. One matter involved a complicated and politically sensitive sexual harassment charge in which his decision was upheld by the Merit Systems Protection Board and by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.
