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OVERVIEW

Beau leads Husch Blackwell's Section 337 practice, and assists clients with a variety of other international business issues.

His practice focuses on trade and intellectual property disputes, with years of experience litigating Section 337 cases before the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC). Beau has an extensive, proven record of success in some of the most high-profile ITC cases. He also works on antidumping and countervailing duty matters before the ITC and U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC), as well as litigation and appeals before the U.S. Court of International Trade (CIT) and U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. In addition, Beau guides clients through trade-related regulatory challenges including tariff classification, valuation, country-of-origin marking and other compliance and litigation matters before U.S. Customs and Border Protection, DOC, the CIT and Federal Circuit, and the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR). Beau also advises on foreign investment issues and assists clients with advocacy efforts before Congress and federal agencies on an assortment of trade and intellectual property matters.

Beyond his own practice, Beau is a relationship facilitator and manager for many clients, serving as outside general counsel and overseeing all legal needs. Whether a client's situation requires examination of regulations, structuring a complex transaction,

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litigating a dispute or any other legal acumen, Beau guides the client to the best attorney for the job and ensures that Husch Blackwell exceeds their expectations.

Prior to entering private practice, Beau served as a congressional law clerk for the U.S. House of Representatives' Ways and Means Subcommittee on Trade and as a legal intern at USTR.

Experience

REPRESENTATIVE ITC CASES (NOT EXHAUSTIVE)

- Achieved major victory at the U.S. International Trade Commission, with the panel affirming a decision of the presiding administrative law judge (ALJ), which found that client ADC Solutions Auto, LLC (d/b/a Type S) did not violate Section 337 of the Tariff Act in relation to imported portable battery jump starters.
- Representing the complainant in *Certain Capacitive Discharge Ignition Systems, Components Thereof, and Products Containing the Same*, DN 337-3717.
- Representing a respondent in *Certain Electronic Eyewear Products and Components Thereof*, Inv. No. 337-TA-1383.
- Successfully represented respondent Laird Connectivity LLC in *Certain Electronic Devices and Semiconductor Devices Having Wireless Communication Capabilities and Components Thereof*, Inv. No. 337-TA-1367. Two patents were originally asserted against Laird, but one was dropped after the judge's claim construction order, and the other dropped six weeks before trial – resulting in a complete dismissal of Laird, even though the case proceeds against all other respondents.
- Representing respondent group in *Certain Portable Battery Jump Starters and Components Thereof (II)*, Inv. No. 337-TA-1359.
- Representing the complainants in *Certain Marine Air Conditioning Systems, Components Thereof, and Products Containing the Same*, Inv. No. 337-TA-1346.

Experience

- Successfully represented respondent the Calico Group in *Certain Oil-Vaping Cartridges, Components Thereof, and Products Containing the Same*, Inv. No. 337-TA-1286, a case involving virtually all key cartridge suppliers in the fast-growing cannabis vaping industry. The case went to trial in August 2022 and in February 2023, the presiding judge issued a decision finding no violation on multiple independent grounds (no infringement, invalidity, unenforceability, no domestic industry). The full Commission affirmed that outcome, resulting in a complete victory.
- Successfully represented the complainant, Ventria Bioscience Inc., in *Certain Plant-Derived Recombinant Human Serum Albumins & Products Containing Same*, Inv. No. 337-TA-1238, a case involving patent infringement and false designation of origin against a Wuhan, China-based competitor (a company founded by a former employee of Ventria) and its U.S. distributors. The case went to trial in November 2021. In September 2022, the ITC found all respondents in violation of Section 337 and issued remedial orders that exclude the infringing and mislabeled products from the U.S. market. This high-profile case dovetails with broader policy issues between the U.S. and China relating to trade and intellectual property; as such, it attracted attention from the media and from many bipartisan elected officials and trade groups.
- Successfully represented Laird Connectivity Inc., a respondent in *Certain UMTS and LTE Cellular Communication Modules & Products Containing the Same*, Inv. No. 337-TA-1240. The case went to trial in October 2021. In July 2022, the Commission found no violation on multiple, independent grounds—a complete victory. This complex case involved five allegedly standard-essential patents owned by the European conglomerate Philips, where the issue of public interest was delegated to the presiding judge.

Experience

- Successfully represented multiple respondents in *Certain Portable Battery Jump Starters and Components Thereof*, Inv. No. 337-TA-1256. The complainant withdrew all allegations against clients and dismissed them with no settlement payment, despite the case proceeding against most other respondents. This sprawling case involved virtually the entire industry for lithium ion battery jump starters.
- Successfully represented a Brazilian respondent in *Certain Casual Footwear and Packaging Thereof*, Inv. No. 337-TA-1270, obtaining a quick dismissal and avoiding substantial litigation expenses.
- Successfully represented Confirm Biosciences, Inc., a respondent in *Certain Gabapentin Immunoassay Kits and Test Strips, Components Thereof, and Methods Therefor*, Inv. No. 337-TA-1239, obtaining a favorable settlement that resulted in an early dismissal for the client.
- Represented non-party Nidec Motor Corporation, a key component supplier to the Ocado/Tharsus respondents, when they were subpoenaed by complainant AutoStore in *Certain Automated Storage and Retrieval Systems, Robots, & Components Thereof*, Inv. No. 337-TA-1228.
- Successfully represented two respondents in *Certain Electronic Candle Products and Components Thereof*, Inv. No. 337-TA-1195. Expeditiously negotiated favorable settlement and distribution agreements, leading to clients' early dismissal from the case and avoidance of substantial litigation expenses.
- Successfully represented two respondents in *Certain Child Carriers & Components Thereof*, Inv. No. 337-TA-1154. Took the case through trial and prevailed on all key issues before the judge: asserted patent found not infringed by both existing and redesigned products, patent invalidated, and patent found unenforceable due to inequitable conduct. Complainant did not even seek Commission review and the investigation was terminated with a finding of no violation. This complete ITC victory also led to the patent holder withdrawing its parallel district court action.

Experience

- Successfully represented both respondents in *Certain Strength-Training Systems & Components Thereof*, Inv. No. 337-TA-1135. Protected client's ability to keep accused products in the U.S. market for as long as possible before accepting a consent order to preserve costs, and soon thereafter obtained revocation of the consent order based on successful outcome in parallel district court proceeding (final judgment of non-infringement).
- Represented subpoenaed non-party in *Certain Wireless Mesh Networking Products & Related Components Thereof*, Inv. No. 337-TA-1131.
- Successfully represented a respondent in *Certain Taurine (2-Aminoethanesulfonic Acid)*, Inv. No. 337-TA-1146. The complainant withdrew all claims and voluntarily terminated the case without obtaining any relief or settlement.
- Successfully defended pharmaceutical manufacturer in *Certain Clidinium Bromide & Products Containing the Same*, Inv. No. 337-TA-1109. This unique case involved allegations that client's generic drug was marketed unfairly. The case was placed in the ITC's "100-day program" on the issues of domestic industry and injury, and the complainant withdrew the case on the first day of the hearing, thus terminating the proceeding without obtaining any relief or settlement.
- Represented the primary respondent in *Certain Industrial Automation Systems & Components Thereof*, Inv. No. 337-TA-1074.
- Represented leading consumer and medical mattress suppliers as successful respondents in *Certain Air Mattress Systems & Components Thereof*, Inv. No. 337-TA-971. The ITC found no violation as to one patent and declined to issue remedies as to another patent due to public interest concerns – further, the ITC later vacated the infringement finding as to the second patent. In a related case against the same clients (Inv. No. 337-TA-999), the complainant withdrew all claims and voluntarily terminated the case without obtaining any relief or settlement.

Experience

- Successfully represented leading inflatable products company as a Section 337 complainant, obtaining ITC consent orders that completely bar the accused products from the U.S. market. *Certain Inflatable Products With Tensioning Structures & Processes for Making the Same*, Inv. No. 337-TA-1009.
- Represented the world's top mobile chipset supplier as the complainant in an extremely high-profile case, *Certain Mobile Electronic Devices & Radio Frequency & Processing Components Thereof*, Inv. No. 337-TA-1065.
- Represented world's top mobile chipset supplier as respondent in *Certain Graphics Processors, DDR Memory Controllers, and Products Containing the Same*, Inv. No. 337-TA-1037. Effective discovery strategy and motions practice helped lead to favorable pretrial settlement.
- Represented the world's top mobile chipset supplier as successful respondent in *Certain Consumer Electronics & Display Devices With GPUs*, Inv. No. 337-TA-932. The judge found no violation and recommended no remedies against client even in the event the Commission were to find a violation. The full ITC decided not to review the case, thereby upholding the judge's determinations.
- Successfully represented cable set-top box supplier as respondent in *Certain Digital Video Receivers & Hardware & Software Components Thereof*, Inv. No. 337-TA-1001. In a precedential decision, the ITC found no violation against client due to lack of infringement at the time of importation.
- Represented respondents in *Certain Acousto-Magnetic Electronic Article Surveillance Systems*, Inv. No. 337-TA-904. Defeated complainant on key motions, leading to a favorable pre-trial settlement.
- Represented respondents in *Certain Paper Shredders*, Inv. No. 337-TA-863, a complex case involving allegations of trade secret misappropriation. Defeated the complainant on key pre-trial motions, leading to a favorable settlement.

Experience

- Represented the complainants in *Certain DRAM and NAND Flash Memory Devices*, Inv. No. 337-TA-803. Defeated respondents' motion for summary determination that a domestic industry did not exist, helping lead to favorable pre-trial settlements with all respondents.
- Represented a respondent in *Certain Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters*, Inv. No. 337-TA-739. Defeated complainant's motion for summary determination regarding domestic industry, leading to a favorable pre-trial settlement.
- Represented multinational technology company as successful respondent in *Certain Multimedia Display & Navigation Devices & Systems*, Inv. No. 337-TA-694. In a landmark, precedent-setting decision, the Commission found no violation based, in part, on the complainant's failure to establish a domestic industry.
- Represented semiconductor technology company as successful complainant in a precedential Section 337 bond forfeiture proceeding. In the first such proceeding in more than a decade, the client fully recouped the bonds posted by respondents in relation to exclusion and cease and desist orders. *Certain Semiconductor Chips With Minimized Chip Package Size*, Inv. No. 337-TA-605.

OTHER NOTABLE MATTERS

- Serving as outside general counsel to multiple clients in a variety of industries, overseeing all legal needs and serving as a key corporate advisor.
- Representing major Australian and U.S. agribusiness companies in Canadian antidumping investigation regarding wheat gluten.
- Representing multiple clients with respect to Section 301 tariffs on imports from China.
- Representing a Kansas architecture firm with its substantial overseas projects.
- Assisting a South Africa-based engineering and construction firm with its entry into the U.S. market.

Experience

- Representing a Kansas manufacturer of medical and consumer products with respect to assorted intellectual property matters.
- Advising a Kansas manufacturer of metal processing equipment regarding the operations of its corporate affiliates in Asia and Europe.
- Representing a Kansas manufacturer of agricultural and livestock equipment with its international operations, including IP protection in key foreign jurisdictions.
- Assisting a diversified Kansas holding company regarding export control issues of relevance to its subsidiaries.
- Successfully represented the market leader for protective phone cases in a high-profile, precedential customs case before the U.S. Court of International Trade and U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, concerning the proper tariff classification of protective cases for electronic devices.
- Helped a consortium of technology companies advocate before Congress and the U.S. Trade Representative regarding intellectual property issues in international trade negotiations.
- Helped a multinational agriculture company advocate before Congress and the U.S. Trade Representative regarding the Trans-Pacific Partnership and renewal of the African Growth & Opportunity Act.
- Successfully represented two importers before U.S. Customs & Border Protection, obtaining the release of products allegedly bearing counterfeit trademarks.
- Obtained favorable ruling from U.S. Customs & Border Protection regarding the proper tariff classification of imported educational products.
- Successfully represented a Kansas educational company before the Department of Commerce and USTR with respect to trade remedies on solar panels. Achieved orders exempting the client's imports from all antidumping and countervailing duties, as well as from ancillary safeguards measures.

Experience

- Prevailed at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit on behalf of Kansas-based client Ventria Bioscience (d/b/a InVitria and ExpressTec), when a three-judge panel affirmed a U.S. International Trade Commission's 2022 decision that found Wuhan Healthgen Biotechnology Corp. and its distributors in violation of U.S. trade law. The Federal Circuit affirmed both the finding of infringement and Ventria's satisfaction of the ITC's "domestic industry" requirement.

Recognition

- *Benchmark Litigation*, Local Litigation Star, 2023-2025
- *Chambers and Partners*
 - USA - Nationwide, International Trade: Intellectual Property (Section 337), 2022-2024
 - Missouri Intellectual Property, 2024
 - Global Guide, USA, International Trade: Intellectual Property (Section 337), 2023-2025
- *The Legal 500 United States*
 - Intellectual property - Patents: litigation (International Trade Commission), Leading partner, 2024
 - Intellectual property - Patents: litigation (International Trade Commission), Recommended Attorney, 2023
- *Managing Intellectual Property* IP Stars, Patent star, 2022-2024
- *Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers*, International, Rising Star, 2018-2021
- Leadership Kansas (LK), 2021 Class
- *Ingram's Magazine*, 40 Under Forty, 2021 Class

Education

- J.D., University of Kansas School of Law
 - International Trade & Finance Certificate Program
 - WTO Law Moot Court Team Member, International Finals, Best Oral Advocate
 - *Kansas Journal of Law & Public Policy*, Editor
 - Research Assistant for Professor Raj Bhala
- B.A., University of Kansas
 - Political Science and History
 - *with distinction*

Admissions

- District of Columbia
- U.S. Supreme Court
- Kansas
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit
- Missouri
- U.S. Court of International Trade
- U.S. District Court, District of Colorado
- U.S. District Court, District of Kansas
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Missouri

Community Leadership

- Between college and law school, Beau spent over two years serving in the Peace Corps in Cape Verde, a small island nation in western Africa. He was an Education and Community Development Volunteer, working as an English teacher and organizing various projects for youth. Beau's Peace Corps service was a pivotal time in his life, deepening his interest in other cultures and helping lead to a career in international trade law.
- Village X, Board of Directors
- Milburn Country Club, Member and Legal Counsel
- Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission



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