

# Trademark case: Oneida Indian Nation v. U.S. Department of the Interior, USA

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The New York Oneidas lacked standing to challenge the Interior Department's approval of the Wisconsin Oneidas' request to change its name to "Oneida Nation," despite the Wisconsin tribe's initiation of USPTO trademark cancellation proceedings against the New York tribe.

Following the initiation of trademark cancellation proceedings brought before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board by the Wisconsin Oneidas tribe, the New York Oneidas' request for a declaratory judgment setting aside the U.S. Department of the Interior's approval of the Wisconsin Oneidas' name change to "Oneida Nation" and an injunction preventing DOI from approving Oneida Nation as the name of the Wisconsin Oneidas was dismissed for lack of subject matter jurisdiction by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, in a summary order affirming the district court's judgment (*Oneida Indian Nation v. U.S. Department of the Interior*, October 21, 2019, per curiam).

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Court: United States Court of Appeals, Second Circuit

A full summary of this case has been published on [Kluwer IP Law](#).