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Trademark case: Piano Factory Group Inc. v. Schiedmayer Celesta GmbH, USA

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Panel confirms that the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board (TTAB) need not find that a German company owned a US trademark rights to pursue a cancellation action.

In denying a California piano retailer's petition for rehearing, a panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit has expanded on the panel's prior decision affirming a TTAB decision ordering cancellation of the retailer's "Schiedmayer" mark on the ground of false association with a Schiedmayer Celesta GmbH, a German manufacturer of keyboard instruments. Substantial evidence of record sufficed to establish the retailer's intent to create a false connection with the German brand name. The Federal Circuit also reiterated that the TTAB need not find that the German company owned U.S. trademark rights to bring a cancellation action (Piano Factory Group, Inc. v. Schiedmayer Celesta GmbH, October 19, 2021, per curiam).

Case date: 19 October 2021

Case number: No. 2020-1196

Court: United States Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit

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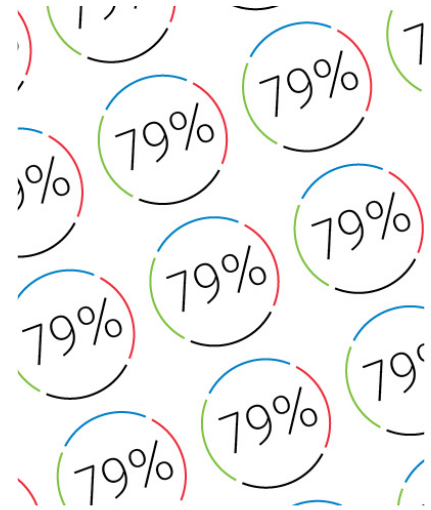
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