



EXTENSIVE CAPABILITIES AND EXPERIENCE ACROSS A BROAD ARRAY OF DISCIPLINES

Protecting Your Brand

Import-Export Compliance

Distribution Strategies

Product Liability

Advertising Compliance

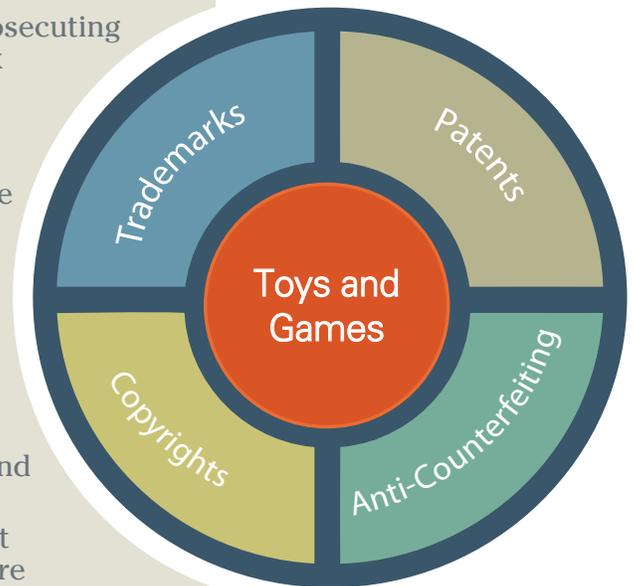
Green Initiatives

You wake up with a great idea...
How do you move to protect it?

Protecting your ideas and intellectual property is more than a formality – if done right, it means competitive advantage, added value for your idea and more profits at your bottom line. But what type of protection is right for you? There’s more than one way to protect a great idea, with each having unique advantages and limitations. The Venable team helps toy and game inventors, manufacturers and marketers identify the most appropriate means of IP protection.

We assist toy and game companies with:

- preparing and prosecuting patent, trademark and copyright applications;
- reviewing and negotiating license agreements;
- preventing counterfeiters from replicating your products;
- litigating over intellectual property rights; and
- resolving consumer product safety issues before governmental agencies such as the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC).



We offer depth you won’t find in many general practice firms and breadth you won’t find at most IP boutiques. At Venable, you get the best of both worlds—a balance of strategic counseling with aggressive and efficient litigation savvy in all areas of IP, that is the choice of leading companies here and abroad. Not only do we do it all, but as our track record indicates and our clients attest—we do it well.

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no matter the question, Venable has the answer

VENABLE'S TEAM PROVIDES...

- effective **procurement and enforcement** of rights in your innovative toys and games;
- legal guidance through every stage of **product development**;
- strategic guidance to **create and protect your brand** around the world;
- experience to avoid and defend against **regulatory inquiry**; and
- unparalleled success when your business is at stake - and **time is of the essence**.

VENABLE'S TEAM INCLUDES...

- **over 90 attorneys** experienced in IP prosecution, counseling and litigation, including over 30 registered patent attorneys, many of whom have Ph.D's or other advanced degrees;
- patent attorneys who have achieved a patent allowance rate **nearly 20 percentage points higher** than the USPTO average;
- attorneys who have **argued successfully before the Supreme Court**, including a landmark case that changed copyright law, and a case that *Legal Times* called "the most important trade dress case litigated since 1998"; and
- a trademark practice **ranked top 10 trademark firm** for U.S. filings in 2009.



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