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Honors and Awards**IP LEGAL NEWS AND UPDATES**
Fashionistas Rejoice! Second Circuit Orders Win/Win For Louboutin and Yves St. Laurent
 Jacqueline Levasseur Patt

Fashionistas can rejoice now that the Second Circuit has [overturned](#) the District Court's ruling that would have stripped Louboutin of its trademarked Red Sole Shoe. But YSL also scored a victory, of sorts, in that YSL can still sell their monochromatic red shoe that also features a red sole not withstanding Louboutin's enforceable trademark.

Plant Patents—What is an uncultivated state?
 Stefan J. Kirchanski, Ph.D.

Recent Supreme Court cases have brought to the forefront interest in the legal definition of patentable subject matter under 35 U.S.C. §101. These cases emphasize the common law prohibition on patenting laws of nature, products of nature and abstract ideas. A recent Federal Circuit decision involving the Plant Patent Act addresses similar issues relating to the protectability of new plant varieties.

Protecting the Look & Feel of Artworks, Maybe

[Joshua J. Kaufman](#) published "Protecting the Look & Feel of Artworks, Maybe" in the August 2012 edition of *Art World News*.

Please click [here](#) to view the full text of this article.

Not All Is Fair (Use) in Trademarks and Copyrights

[Jacqueline Levasseur Patt](#) published "Not All Is Fair (Use) in Trademarks and Copyrights" in the September 15, 2012 issue of *International Trademark Association (INTA) Bulletin*.

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Release of Study Leaves Marketers Wondering Just What FTC is 'Up To'

[Jeffrey D. Knowles](#) and [Gregory J. Sater](#) published "Release of Study Leaves Marketers Wondering Just What FTC is 'Up To'" in the September 2012 edition of *Response Magazine*.

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A Legal Checklist for D2C Advertising

[Gregory J. Sater](#) published "A Legal Checklist for D2C Advertising" in the September 2012 edition of *electronicRETAILER*.

FCPA Snapshot, Mid-Year 2012

The number of Foreign Corrupt Practices Act ("FCPA") enforcement actions brought in the first half of 2012 is roughly on par with the number brought in the first half of 2011. Nonetheless, enforcement activity for both periods is down from a prolific 2010. If the numbers continue to trend as they did in 2011, 2012 should end with approximately 12 SEC and 14 DOJ enforcement actions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS
Venable Welcomes Tamatane J. Aga to the Intellectual Property Division

[Tamatane J. Aga](#) joins Venable as an associate in the [Patent Prosecution and Counseling](#) group. Prior to

joining the firm, Mr. Aga examined patent applications related to drilling equipment and oil and gas production for the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC) 2012 Annual Meeting

September 30 - October 3, 2012

Venable is pleased to support and sponsor the ACC Annual Meeting. Several of our attorneys, who rank among the nation's thought leadership in a variety of cutting-edge technological issues, will share their insights and recommendations. ACC's Annual Meeting is the world's largest gathering of the in-house counsel community and is a great professional development value.

"Getting the Most Value from Legal Counsel," Larta Institute

October 18, 2012

Michael A. Gollin and Bobby N. Turnage, Jr. will present "Getting the Most Value from Legal Counsel" on behalf of Larta Institute on Thursday, October 18, 2012.

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