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## TTAB Rulings Held Preclusive in Federal Court

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On March 24, 2015, the United States Supreme Court released its long-awaited decision in *B&B Hardware v. Hargis Industries*, holding that the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board (TTAB) findings of mark similarity can be preclusive in later federal proceedings as long as "the ordinary elements of issue preclusion are met." This ruling stands in direct opposition to the majority of recent federal precedent, and will dramatically increase the import of TTAB rulings in the coming years. In other words, the TTAB just got a bit of a promotion.

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## Cutting off the Counterfeiter's Lifeline

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Most counterfeiters operate online and hide their identities through a variety of privacy services, anonymous sites, false information in WHOIS, changed locations and aliases. But what they cannot do is provide false or out-of-date information to their banks, credit card companies, or PayPal. If you really want to cause them pain and stop them from infringing, you need to cut off their lifeline: cash flow.

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