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David Weslow Discusses Cybersquatters' Use of False Registration Information

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David E. Weslow, a partner in Wiley Rein's Intellectual Property Practice, commented on cybersquatting issues in a September 12 article published by *Bloomberg BNA's Electronic Commerce & Law Report*. The article focused on a recent ruling by the World Intellectual Property Organization's (WIPO) Arbitration and Mediation Center.

Ruling in favor of the plaintiff/complainant, the WIPO panel ruled that the defendant/respondent had, in bad faith, used a domain name that simulated the plaintiff's trademark and registered the domain name in a name that simulated the name of a legitimate proxy registration service. The WIPO panel noted that the domain name in question was used to trick website visitors into downloading harmful software.

Mr. Weslow told *Bloomberg BNA* he has noticed an increase in the use of false registration information that resembles the information of a real person or entity.

"The use of false registration information that mimics a legitimate proxy registration service provides the typosquatter with another level of obfuscation and delay while the affected parties are forced to first determine that the registrant is not really a customer of the legitimate Domains By Proxy," Mr. Weslow said.

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