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- Coca-Cola in the assignment and crosslicense of a number of key brands and trademarks in a two-stage acquisition of a leading branded drinks manufacturer active in Africa.
- Lowe's on the IP, data privacy, licensing, and related aspects of its acquisition of Boomerang's retail analytics platform.
- Medytox in securing a significant victory in an International Trade Commission trade secrets investigation in Washington, D.C.
- Nortel Networks in defending against claims for copyright infringement and breach of license relating to software and, in a different matter, as plaintiff in asserting trade secret claims against licensee who use Nortel trade secrets to produce competing networking and telecom products.
- ESL Investments on IP, cyber, and privacy matters related to its \$5.2 billion acquisition of Sears.
- 3M in privacy law and IP issues associated with various acquisitions and business divestitures, including its \$1 billion acquisition of M*Modal's cloud-based, artificial intelligence-powered technology business, and its related IP licenses and strategic services agreement with M*Modal's remaining service business.
- Honeywell in its strategic licensing of the "HONEYWELL" brand in the spin-off of its homes business.
- Donatella Versace, GiVi Holding, and Jonathan Akeroyd in the \$2.13 billion sale of Versace to Michael Kors Holdings.
- Lavazza in its acquisition of Mars Drinks and in its acquisition of the "CARTE NOIRE" brand in Europe.
- FIFA in connection with the evaluation of the United States' bid to host the 2026 World Cup and in relation to the event generally.

- Tom Ford in numerous transactions, including license and distribution agreements.
- itBit Trust Company (now Paxos Trust Company) in becoming the first U.S.-chartered and regulated virtual currency exchange.
- NYSE Euronext in numerous mergers, acquisitions, and joint ventures; capital markets offerings; financings; and antitrust matters.
- Reuters in establishing FX MarketPlace, a joint venture with the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, the first electronic trading platform with fully integrated foreign currency clearing.
- Entities controlled by Jeffrey Bezos, the founder and CEO of online retailer Amazon.com, in their \$250 million purchase of *The Washington Post* and various regional publishers.
- Google in more than 20 transactions, including its \$12.5 billion acquisition of Motorola Mobility.
- Texas Instruments and Broadcom in global litigation against Qualcomm for breach of undertakings given in connection with the licensing of patents for 3G mobile telephone standards worldwide, including successful appeal proceedings in the United States, and settlements resulting in payment above \$2 billion to our clients.
- Virtual Gaming Worlds in the signing of a multi-year partnership agreement and brand sponsorship with Scuderia Ferrari for the Formula 1 Championship.
- The Raine Group on the IP aspects of its investment in Important Media, LLC, a joint venture with Trey Parker and Matt Stone, the co-creators of the TV show South Park and the musical production The Book of Mormon; its investment in Nitro Circus; and its investment in Wanderlust.
- Gameloft (a Vivendi company) on IP and data privacy matters related to its acquisition of FreshPlanet.

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