

David Levitt Discusses SCOTUS Ruling that Disparaging Trademarks are Protected Speech

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David Levitt, a Hinshaw partner and trial lawyer, discusses in the Fall 2017 edition of DRI's In-House Defense Quarterly the U.S. Supreme Court Decision in *Matal v. Tam*, that considered whether prohibiting “disparaging” trademarks was constitutional. In a ruling published earlier this summer, the Court determined that such trademarks were protected speech under the First Amendment. The case received considerable media attention, due to efforts to cancel the registration of the Washington Redskins under the “disparagement” definition contained in §1052(a) of the Lanham Act.

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