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New Publications

Trademarks 101: What Every Business Owner Should Know



Trademarks are an essential part of any business. They represent your goodwill, your reputation, and help people tell the difference between the products and services your business offers and the products and services of others. [Click here](#) for a few things every business owner should know about trademarks.

Client Successes

WilliamsMcCarthy LLP Home Builder Client Prevails in Federal Copyright Suit

Partners [Marc Gravino](#) and [Joel Huotari](#) represented Heller Homes, a large, well-known home builder in northeast Indiana, in a suit accusing it of copyright infringement for home plans. After extensive litigation over three years, Heller Homes filed a motion for summary judgment, asking the court to dismiss the entire suit against it. WilliamsMcCarthy LLP demonstrated that Heller Homes' plans were too dissimilar to the plaintiff's plans to support a claim of infringement. The district court agreed, granting summary judgment to Heller Homes on all of the home plans at issue. Read the [full article](#) here.



Marc Gravino



Joel Huotari

People of WilliamsMcCarthy LLP



Scott Sullivan

[Scott C. Sullivan](#) was recently selected by his peers for inclusion in 26th Edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*® in the field of commercial litigation. Sullivan's client base ranges from small family-held businesses to Fortune 100 companies. He has litigated business disputes at all court levels including state, federal and appellate.

Best Lawyers® is the oldest and most respected peer-review publication in the legal profession. This is the sixth straight year Sullivan has been recognized by *Best Lawyers*®. [Click here](#) for the full news article.



Patricia Hall

WilliamsMcCarthy LLP is pleased to announce the addition of [Patricia L. Hall](#) as associate attorney. Hall is admitted to practice in the State of Illinois, the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, and the U.S. Court of Federal Claims. Her practice focuses on civil litigation, employment and labor law, and appellate advocacy. [Click here](#) for the full announcement and to learn more about Patricia.



Dan Huntley

[Dan Huntley](#) was recently featured in Next Up, a special section in the Rockford Register Star, highlighting future leaders of the Rock River Valley and their contributions to the community. Huntley was recognized for his passion for conservationism and service to the board of the Severson Dells Nature Center. Read the [full article here](#).

WilliamsMcCarthy LLP in the Community



WilliamsMcCarthy was proud to sponsor the [Severson Dells Nature Center](#) Annual Breakfast held on September 26, 2019. The event raised funds for nature education programs in our community.

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