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As head of the firm's U.S. Trademark Search Department, Mr. Landau is responsible for providing advice and counseling to clients seeking to adopt and protect new trademarks (brand names, sound marks, designs, logos, etc.) in the U.S. market. His department provides guidance and formal legal opinions that are the "first step" in securing trademark rights. Clients who wish to satisfy their legal "due diligence" requirements - and to avoid or minimize infringement risks - know Mr. Landau well. Mr. Landau oversees a department that handles trademark clearance for a wide variety of industries, including pharmaceutical, automotive, electronics, computer hardware and software, photography, as well as a host of cosmetics, fashion, hand tool, professional cutlery, chemical, and other manufacturers.

Mr. Landau was instrumental in setting up a bifurcated system for preliminary trademark searching. Quick in-house searches of the records of the United States Patent and Trademark Office provide clients with a thumbnail sketch of the potential risks associated with a new proposed mark. If marks are knocked-out at this early stage, clients save significant search costs. If clients are comfortable with the preliminary data, they proceed to the benchmark for trademark clearance, the Comprehensive trademark search (covering federal, state, and common law marks, including Internet and domain name uses). Whether clients opt for the quick in-house search or start immediately with the Comprehensive search, they receive clear and succinct advice and guidance.

Under the tutelage of Mr. Landau, the Search Department also evaluates marks for connotative interpretation, seeking to avoid the adoption of marks that have a negative connotation; and reviews client websites, catalogs, sell sheets, and other promotional materials and media for proper trademark marking and usage.

Whether a client needs to clear a thousand proposed marks or only a handful, Mr. Landau gets the job done.

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