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The Protection of Non-Traditional Trademarks Irene Calboli 2019-01-11 This volume offers a detailed analysis of the issues related to the protection of non-traditional marks. In recent years, the domain of trademark law and the scope of trademark protection has grown exponentially. Today, a wide variety of non-traditional marks, including colour, sound, smell, and shape marks, can be registered in many jurisdictions. However, this expansion of trademark protection has led to heated discussions and controversies about the impact of the protection of non-traditional marks on freedom of competition and, more generally, on socially valuable use of these or similar signs in unrelated non-commercial contexts. These tensions have also led to increasing litigation in this area across several jurisdictions. This book provides an overview of the debate and state of the law surrounding non-traditional marks at the international, regional, and national level. In particular, this book addresses relevant international treaties administered by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects to Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) as well as several regional and national legislations and leading judicial decisions in order to examine current law and practice culminating in critical reflections and suggestions on the topic. This is an open access title available under the terms of a CC BY-NC-ND 3.0 licence. It is free to read at Oxford Scholarship Online and offered as a free PDF download from OUP and selected open access locations.

Madrid Protocol Implementation Act; and Trademark Law Treaty Implementation Act United States. Congress. House. Committee on the Judiciary. Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property 1997

Non-conventional Trade Marks and Community Law Stefano Sandri 2003

The Average Consumer in Confusion-based Disputes in European Trademark Law and Similar Fictions Rasmus Dalgaard Laustsen 2019-11-06 This book contends that, with regard to the likelihood of confusion standard, European trademark law applies the average consumer incoherently and inconsistently. To test this proposal, it presents an analysis of the horizontal and vertical level of harmonization of the average consumer. The horizontal part focuses on similar fictions in areas of law adjacent to European trademark law (and in economics), and the average consumer in unfair competition law. The vertical part focuses on European trademark law, represented mainly by EU trademark law, and the trademark laws of the UK, Sweden, Denmark and Norway. The book provides readers with a better understanding of key aspects of European trademark law (the average consumer applied as part of the likelihood of confusion standard) and combines relevant law and practices with theoretical content and other related areas of law (and economics). Accordingly, it is an asset for policymakers and practitioners, as well as general readers with an interest in intellectual property law and theory.

European Trade Mark Law Annette Kur 2016-07-25 European Trade Mark Law provides a coherent and authoritative commentary on both the substantive and procedural aspects of European trade mark law. It presents an integrated picture of the two major trade mark law provisions at EU level: the Community Trade Mark Regulation (CMTR), which provides for the registration and protection of a Europe-wide mark; and the Trade Mark Directive (TMD), which aims to harmonise national trade mark laws. The book's core focus is the Community texts and case law, and it offers a detailed analysis of the CMTD and TMD, as well as practical discussion of the procedure for registering, maintaining, and challenging a trade mark through the European Trade Mark Office and at the national level. It considers how national laws have been successfully harmonised by the TMD, and where they differ significantly from others in their implementation of the Directive. Written by one of the leading trade mark lawyers in Europe, this is an invaluable reference for both academics and practitioners in this complex and rapidly developing area of law.

Trade Marks Alison Firth 2016 Trade Marks: Law and Practice is a concise account of UK trade marks law within the European and International context. The text incorporates and analyses the ongoing amendments and the Trade Marks Act 2004, amendments to the Trade Marks 2000 and the expansion of the system of international registration of trade marks under the Madrid protocol and International Trade Mark Treaty. Written by Alison Firth, and expert co-authors, this text deals with the relevant domestic and international developments from both the UK and EU perspective and takes into account:
• EU Reform Trade mark law provisional agreement relating to proposed changes to Community Trade mark regulation which include changes to CTM terminology, procedure filings and fees
• NICE class headings and classification of goods- IP Translator case
• IP and Company Commercial lawyers advising on trade marks

Harmonization of Intellectual Property Rights on the European Level Christina Schubert 2010-06-16 Seminar paper from the year 2010 in the subject Law - European and International Law, Intellectual Properties, grade: 1,7, University of Marburg (Wirtschaftspolitik), course: Seminar: Competition Policy and intellectual Property Rights: New exciting developments in European competition and US antitrust policy., language: English, abstract: This descriptive assignment will give a comprehensive overview of IP-law in Europe. It will mainly focus on the question in how far the EU reached a harmonisation of national IP-law in the main fields of industrial property rights as well as copyrights. In the beginning a short introduction of the historical development of IPRs and the legal framework in the EU will be given. The conclusion will revise the critical points.

Transnational Intellectual Property Law Robert P. Merges 2018-04-27 As companies and organisations increasingly operate across national boundaries, so the incentive to understand how to acquire, deploy and protect IP rights in multiple national jurisdictions has rapidly increased. Transnational Intellectual Property Law meets the need for a book that introduces contemporary intellectual property as it is practiced in today's global context. Focusing on three major IP regimes – the United States, Europe and China – the unique transnational approach of this textbook will help law students and lawyers across the world understand not only how IP operates in different national contexts, but also how to coordinate IP protection across numerous national jurisdictions. International IP treaties are also covered, but in the context of an overall emphasis on transnational coordination of legal rights and strategies.

A View from Outside Ian Jay Kaufman 1995

Constructing European Intellectual Property Christophe Geiger 2013 'It is no longer possible to practice, teach, or study purely domestic intellectual property law within Europe. European intellectual property norms now structure protection throughout the continent (and even beyond). Paradoxically, what might seem as a simplification of legal rules has created a maze of new complexities substantive, institutional and methodological. This collection by some of the leading scholars in European IP manages to capture that complexity without sacrificing clarity. Canvassing the entire field with a rich array of contributions, the book both highlights the roots of European IP law and asks important fundamental questions about where it is going. One can only hope that it is read by anyone with a hand in the future development of European IP law.' Graeme B. Dinwoodie, University of Oxford, UK 'Christophe Geiger

has put together a very fine collection of essays by many of the very best scholars in European intellectual property law. The essays explore the basis, extent, as well as the successes and failings of regional harmonization of trade marks, geographical indications, copyright, designs, patents and remedies. The celebrated cast of authors naturally discuss, in addition to the various directives and regulations on each topic, the Treaty provisions on exhaustion of rights and competition (and their interpretation), relevant provisions on legislative competence, Article 17(2) of the Charter, other fundamental rights, and the growing case law of the Court of Justice. There is essential material here for anyone interested in European intellectual property law, as well as ideas for the improvement and further development of European IP law.' Lionel Bently, University of Cambridge, UK

Constructing European Intellectual Property offers a comprehensive assessment of the current state of intellectual property legislation in Europe and gives direction on how an improved system might be achieved. This detailed study presents various perspectives on what further actions are necessary to provide the circumstances and tools for the construction of a truly balanced European intellectual property system. The book takes as its starting point that the ultimate aim of such a system should be to ensure sustainable and innovation-based economic growth while enhancing free circulation of ideas and cultural expressions. Being the first in the European Intellectual Property Institutes Network (EIPIN) series, this book lays down some concrete foundations for a deeper understanding of European intellectual property law and its complex interplay with other fields of jurisprudence as well as its impact on a broad array of spheres of social interaction. In so doing, it provides a well needed platform for further research. Academics, policymakers, lawyers and many others concerned with establishment of a regulatory framework for intangibles in the EU will benefit from the extensive and thoughtful discussion presented in this work.

The Confusion Test in European Trade Mark Law Ilanah Simon Fhima 2019-10-31 Historically, likelihood of confusion has been the core infringement test for trade mark law, and it remains the most frequently applied test in infringement actions by far. However, there are noticeable differences in how it is applied by the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU), the General Court, and national courts; and questionable outcomes when it is applied in novel situations. This book is the first comprehensive and systematic account of the confusion test within the harmonized European trade mark system. It considers how the test is applied by national trade mark registries across EU member states, by the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO), by national courts, and by the CJEU. It offers practical guidance, while also evaluating the viability of more recent developments such as initial-interest confusion, post-sale confusion and consumer responses to uses of trade marks on the internet. The book analyses three distinct strata of legal doctrine: the decisions of the CJEU, including the General Court; the extensive body of decisions by EUIPO; and the application of harmonized trade mark law by courts of member states, focusing on leading decisions as well as wayward ones. It also draws upon the legal position in the US to illuminate these issues.

Intellectual Property in Common Law and Civil Law Toshiko Takenaka 2013-01-01 Intellectual Property in Common Law and Civil Law presents the perspectives of common as well as civil law, on global IP Law's most pertinent issues ranging from inventive step all the way to injunctive relief. Edited by Professor Takenaka, director of the University of Washington's renowned Center for Advanced Studies and Research on IP (CASRIP), the book assembles deep but easy to read essays by some of the world's leading IP scholars. In short, IP Law's most important issues from a global perspective; by the world's leading scholars, yet in a nutshell. Excellent! Christoph Ann, Technische Universität München, Germany Despite increasing worldwide harmonization of intellectual property, driven by US patent reform and numerous EU Directives, the common law and civil law traditions still exert powerful and divergent influences on certain features of national IP systems. Drawing together the views and experiences of scholars and lawyers from the United States, Europe and Asia, this book examines how different characteristics embedded in national IP systems stem from differences in the fundamental legal principles of the two traditions. It questions whether these elements are destined to remain diverged, and tries to identify common ground that might facilitate a form of harmonization. Containing the most current and up-to-date IP issues from a global perspective, this book will be a valuable resource for IP and comparative law academics, law students, policy makers, as well as lawyers and in-house counsels.

Intellectual Property Law In The European Community Angus Phang 2004 This report, which includes contributions from 24 leading intellectual property attorneys throughout Europe, covers the fundamentals of intellectual property protection law and practice in each of the member countries of the European Community. (Legal Reference/Law Profession)

Community Trademark Regulation Gordian Hasselblatt 2016-06-16 Powerful trade marks encapsulate the essential values of a brand. In today's highly competitive markets, trade marks serve as communicators between the businesses on the one hand and the courted clientele on the other. With its unitary nature and equal effect throughout the entire EU, the CTM provides access to more than 500 million consumers. It is therefore no wonder that business and trade have long since recognized the value of the CTM, last but not least because of this geographical reach. Since its inception in 1996, more than one million CTMs have been registered, 30 % of which stemming from applicants outside the EU. It is thus fair to say: The CTMR has proved to be a success story.

Trade Mark Law in Europe Dimitris Botis 2016-01-28 In light of the ever-growing and developing jurisprudence of the Court of Justice and the General Court, and forthcoming substantive and systemic changes to the law, there is a need for a fresh and practical approach to the procedure and case law of trade marks in Europe. Trade Marks in Europe is a comprehensive guide to European trade mark law following the jurisprudence of the Court of Justice of the European Union and the case law of the General Court. It provides a wide-ranging overview of the trade mark system, including detailed and critical discussion of forthcoming changes, as well as an in-depth look at the life of a trade mark up to enforcement. It considers the conditions for maintaining a registration, the protection and enforcement of trade marks, and the interface between trade mark law and other areas of practice. Finally, it offers detailed and insightful analysis of current developments, challenges, and opportunities. This is complemented by an international and comparative approach which selectively considers the contemporary jurisprudence of the Supreme Court of the United States and general US practice, as well as national jurisprudence in areas not yet covered by the CJEU. Written by highly-regarded authors with considerable expertise across a range of constituencies, Trade Marks in Europe is a timely and important study of this complex and challenging area of law.

Concise European Trade Mark Law Verena von Bomhard 2018-09-25 The sweeping changes brought about in 2017 to practice and procedures in European Union trade mark law have precipitated a new edition of this much relied-upon guide to the field. This is the first book to provide comprehensive guidance to the new EU Trade Mark Regulation, including full details on all aspects of substance and procedure, as well as to the new Trade Mark Directive. This new and significantly expanded edition, which builds on the two previous editions of the Concise European Trade Mark and Design Law, includes the full texts of the new Implementing and Delegated Acts – available in no other book – as well as a collection of other texts that are needed in daily practice, such as excerpts from the Rules of Procedure of the General Court, the Paris Convention, the Madrid Protocol and the Nice Agreement, the Nice Classification, the TRIPS Agreement and the Directive on Enforcement of IP Rights. Providing a complete commentary and a full set of the legal provisions that must be dealt with on a daily basis, obviating recourse to other sources, this new edition will be welcomed by anyone with an interest in the law and practice of trade marks in the European Union.

Intellectual Property Law in the Czech Republic Aleš Rozehnal 2019-05-15 Derived from the renowned multi-volume International Encyclopaedia of Laws, this monograph provides a survey and analysis of the rules concerning intellectual property rights in the Czech Republic. It covers every type of intellectual property right in depth – copyright and neighbouring rights, patents, utility models, trademarks, trade names, industrial designs, plant variety protection, chip protection, trade secrets, and confidential information. Particular attention is paid throughout to recent developments and trends. The analysis approaches each right in terms of its sources in law and in legislation, and proceeds to such legal issues as subject matter of protection, conditions of protection, ownership, transfer of rights, licences, scope of exclusive rights, limitations, exemptions, duration of protection, infringement, available remedies, and overlapping with other intellectual property rights. The book provides a clear overview of intellectual property legislation and policy, and at the same

time offers practical guidance on which sound preliminary decisions may be based. Lawyers representing parties with interests in the Czech Republic will welcome this very useful guide, and academics and researchers will appreciate its value in the study of comparative intellectual property law.

The Relationship Between National and Community Trademark Law Tobias Cohen Jehoram 2011

Genuine Use of Trademarks El é onore Gaspar 2018-09-11 This book addresses the issue of trademark use that may be required for protection and maintenance of trademark rights. While there is considerable harmonization on trademark rights, courts and laws around the world do not always assess in the same way whether a trademark is used and do not always attach the same consequence to lack of use of a trademark. This is a fundamental issue for trademark owners since, depending on the jurisdiction, lack of use can lead to the revocation of trademark rights or to a refusal of trademark registration. This detailed analysis provides clarity, insight and guidance on the legal issues and practical implications of genuine use of trademarks in twenty-six jurisdictions worldwide. This book was developed within the framework of the International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property (AIPPI), a non-affiliated, non-profit organization dedicated to improving and promoting the protection of intellectual property at both national and international levels. This topic was the subject of an AIPPI study, and subsequent Resolution – "The Requirements of genuine use of trademarks for maintaining protection" (2011, Hyderabad) which aims to harmonize this issue of genuine use of trademarks. The authors of the chapters for each jurisdiction were carefully selected based on their extensive experience and in-depth knowledge of trademark protection in their respective jurisdictions. Each chapter considers issues and topics such as the following: • types of use that qualify as genuine use of a trademark, including requirements as to whether uses are consistent with the function of the trademark or made in the course of trade; • requirements as to the volume, duration and frequency of use; • impact of the trademark's designation of goods and services; • issues relating to the sign used, particularly if it is used in a different form from the registered trademark (this includes consideration of alteration of the distinctive character, or the potential impact of a plurality of registered trademarks for different signs, or the question of use in black and white or in colour); • proof to be provided to evidence genuine use as a trademark, including issues of timing and territory; • situations in which the issue of genuine use can be of importance; • valid reasons for non-use; and • consequences of lack of use depending on the context, including possible revocation of trademark rights. Each chapter includes case law examples. As a comparative law study and a collection of contributions from around the world on a key issue of trademark law, this book is of tremendous practical interest. Trademark owners, parties involved in or contemplating enforcement proceedings, and interested legal practitioners will benefit greatly from its thorough comparative analysis and guidance. It is also exceptionally valuable as a comprehensive resource for academics and researchers interested in the international harmonization of trademark law.

Overlapping Intellectual Property Rights Neil Wilkof 2012-08-30 Providing a comprehensive and systematic commentary on the nature of overlapping Intellectual Property rights and their place in practice, this book is a major contribution to the way that IP is understood. IP rights are mostly studied in isolation, yet in practice each of the legal categories created to protect IP rights will usually only provide partial legal coverage of the broader context in which such rights are actually created, used, and enforced. Consequently, often multiple IP rights may overlap, in whole or in part, with respect to the same underlying subject matter. Some patterns, for instance, in addition to being protected from copying under the design rights regime, may also be distinctive enough to warrant trade mark protection. Each chapter addresses a discrete pair of IP rights and is written by a specialist in that area. Facilitating an understanding of how and when those rights may be encountered in practice, each chapter is introduced by a hypothetical situation setting out the overlap discussed in the chapter. The conceptual and practical issues arising from this situation are then discussed, providing practitioners with a full understanding of the overlap. Also included is a valuable summary table setting out the legal position for each set of overlapping rights in jurisdictions across Europe, Central and South America, and Asia, and the differences between them.

Liechtenstein Trademark Law Markus Wanger 2011

Intellectual Property Jurisdiction Strategies Torsten Bj ø rn Larsen 2017-10-27 This timely and practical guide compares the jurisdictional advantages of litigating a national IP right with those of the corresponding European unitary IP right. The study offers IP practitioners a meticulous yet principled basis for their jurisdictional decisions and shows why it is advantageous for infringers to litigate based on a national IP right and rightholders to litigate based on a European unitary IP right.

Certification and Collective Marks Jeffrey Belson 2017 Certification and Collective Marks is a thoroughly updated and augmented edition of Certification Marks, first published in 2002. This comprehensive study forms a wide-ranging inquiry, with comparisons of the certification and collective mark systems of the UK, EU and US, whilst also referring to other systems. In addition to the laws and policies impacting ownership and use of these marks, also addressed are their historical development, registration and protection, certifiers' liability, legal and commercial significance, use in regulatory and technical standardization frameworks, and emergent sui generis forms of certification, namely ecolabels and electronic authentication marks in digital content. This publication is especially timely in light of the advent of the EU certification mark and the controversial EU proposals to extend the Geographical Indications system to include non-agri-food products.

Trade Mark Dilution in Europe and the United States Ilanah Simon Fhima 2011-11-03 The only comparison of EU and US protection against trade mark dilution, this book provides a complete overview of the dilution action, enabling practitioners to better protect trade marks against dilution or to combat dilution claims. Through clear and practical tests for the different types of dilution, this book demonstrates how to prove that a mark is famous, how to prove blurring, tarnishment and unfair advantage and how to prove lack of due cause. It gives clear guidance on the meaning of association and the role of similarity of goods, as well as the US dilution defences, the level of proof required and the 'actual versus likely' dilution question. By examining the justifications offered for dilution, the book places the dilution action in the wider context of the trade mark system, allowing readers to understand the issues behind the law and to consider whether the law appropriately meets these justifications. It considers the fundamental questions raised about trade marks, including whether the main aim of trade marks is to protect the public from being confused, or the investment of trade mark owners in building up their reputations. The book also considers how well the EU and the US take these questions into account in balancing the interests of trade mark owners, their competitors and the public through the dilution action. Dilution is at the cutting edge of trade mark law, extending its protection beyond traditional boundaries to situations where defendants using trade marks are not causing confusion. This book provides practitioners with all the information they need both to protect trade marks against dilution and to prevent them being the subject of dilution claims.

The Cambridge Handbook of International and Comparative Trademark Law Irene Calboli 2020-09-30 Trade in goods and services has historically resisted territorial confinement, but trademark protection remains territorial, albeit within an increasingly important framework of multilateral treaties. Trademark law therefore demands that practitioners, policy-makers and academics understand principles of international and comparative law. This handbook assists in that endeavour, with chapters describing and critically analyzing international and regional frameworks, and providing comparative perspectives on the substantive issues in trademark law and related fields, such as geographic indications, advertising law, and domain names. Chapters contrast common law and civil law approaches while focusing on the US and EU trademark systems in light of the role these systems have played in the development of trademark laws. Additionally, this handbook covers other jurisdictions, both common law and civil law, on the Asia-Pacific, African, and South American continents. This work should be read by anyone seeking a better understanding of trademark law around the world.

Trade Marks and Free Trade Lazaros G. Grigoriadis 2014-05-06 This book is the first study to examine the issue of the legality of parallel imports of trademarked goods under the most important legal systems on an international level, namely under GATT/WTO law, EU law and the laws of the ten major trading partners of the European Union. Part I consists of a general approach to the phenomenon of parallel importation and of a presentation of the theories that have been suggested to resolve the above-mentioned issue. The rule of exhaustion of rights, of which there are three types (rule of national,

regional and international exhaustion of rights), is proposed as the most effective instrument to deal with the issue in question. Part II examines the question of exhaustion of trademark rights in light of the provisions of GATT/WTO Law. Part III analyzes the elements of the EU provisions on exhaustion of trademark rights (Articles 7 of Directive 2008/95/EC and 13 of Regulation (EC) 207/2009) and some specific issues relating to the application of these provisions. Part IV presents the regimes of exhaustion of trademark rights recognized in the European Union's current ten most significant trading partners. The book is the first legal study to welcome, in light of economic analysis, the approach adopted by GATT/WTO law and EU law to the question of the geographical scope of the exhaustion of the trademark rights rule. It includes all the case law developed on an international level on the issue of the legality of parallel imports of trademarked goods and a comprehensive overview of the scientific literature concerning the phenomenon of parallel imports in general and the legality of parallel imports of trademarked goods. All the views expressed in the book are based on the European Court of Justice's most recent case law and that of the courts of the most important trading partners of the European Union.

The Protection of Geographical Indications in China Xinzhe Song 2021-11-23 For some time now, there has been conflict concerning the role in the global marketplace of certain agricultural or handcrafted products of specific geographical origin: whether they should come under trademark law (as favoured by common law countries such as the United States) or under the geographical indications (GI) system developed in France and subsequently promoted by the European Union (EU). At this moment, China is in the eye of the storm. Taking fully into account the legislative and judicial gaps in China's compromised embrace of the GI concept, this book shows how the Chinese case brings to prominence fundamental issues relating to the functional dissimilarity between trademarks and GIs, the treatment of the terroir concept, the role of GIs in rural development, and the challenges of adopting the French and European model in other countries, especially in East Asia. Providing detailed information on how GIs are registered, protected, and managed in China, France, and the EU, the book includes such practical analysis as the following: comparison between the Chinese and European GI systems to highlight differences in essential elements for GI registration and protection; mistakes and errors arising from forcing the GI function into trademark law; the increasingly larger scope of EU GI protection, protection of collective marks containing GIs, and the extension of GI protection to handicrafts; who is responsible for the protection of each registered name and who can sue for infringement; and legislative options for future GI protection in China. Recognizing not only that GIs protect consumers against fraud and producers against unfair competition but also that the goals include the preservation of rural development, cultural heritage, and traditional knowledge, as well as environmental and ecological protection, this book provides a comprehensive reference on legal tools available for policymakers, legal practitioners, researchers, and local producers concerned with GI or trademark issues in China, France, or the EU. It will prove greatly helpful to corporate lawyers filing international registration applications and taking legal action. It will also be of inestimable value to officials in a variety of countries that are considering developing or improving systems to enhance the value of terroir products, and to academics interested in intellectual property law, trademark law, agriculture policy, GI legislation, or World Trade Organization (WTO) rules.

Trademark Protection and Freedom of Expression Wolfgang Sakulin 2011-01-01 Trademark law grants right holders an exclusive right to prevent third parties from using a sign. This can readily be seen as the antithesis of freedom of expression, which arguably includes a right of third parties to non-exclusive use of a sign for a variety of purposes, ranging from informing consumers, to voicing criticism or to artistic expression. Drawing on cultural theory and which has shown that society is involved in a constant struggle about shaping the meaning of signs (including trademarks) and this highly original and provocative book contends that trademark law fails to sufficiently differentiate between commercial purpose and the social, political, or cultural meanings carried by one and the same sign. The author shows that the and functional approach and to justifying trademark rights taken in current jurisprudence and doctrine is deficient, in that it does not take sufficient account of the fact that trademark rights can restrict the freedom of expression of third parties. Specifically, the exercise of rights granted under the European Trademark Regulation and the national trademark rights harmonized by the European Trademark Directive can cause a disproportionate impairment of the freedom of commercial and non-commercial expression of third parties as protected by Article 10 of the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR). The authorand's in-depth analysis explores such elements as the following: o the economic and ethical rationales of trademark rights; o whether trademark rights under European law can be justified by these rationales; o how freedom of expression can serve as a limitation to trademark rights; o what level of protection such freedom of expression grants to third parties; o the role of trademarks of social, cultural, or political importance in public discourse; o chilling effects on public discourse that can be caused by the exercise of trademark rights; o the interpretation of provisions regulating the grant and revocation of trademark rights in light of freedom of expression; and o the interpretation of the scope of protection and the limitations of trademark rights in light of freedom of expression. In effect, the analysis serves to expand the focus of legislators, courts, and trademark registering authorities from the interests of trademark right holders, who seemingly are granted ever more protection, to the justified interests of third parties. The critical analysis of existing trademark law leads the author to clearly identify the areas of trademark law in which the law needs to be reinterpreted and the areas in which legislative action should be taken, with recommendations for a number of limitations that should aid legislators in drafting concrete amendments. The new insights and imperatives provided by this book are sure to prove useful to both courts interpreting existing provisions of trademark laws and to legislators who are faced with the challenges of drafting new rules or revising existing laws.

European Union Trade Mark Regulation Gordian Hasselblatt 2018-12-13 Since the release of the first edition of this commentary, quite a few important changes have taken place in the realm of EU trade mark law. Most of the reforms proposed in 2013 have now matured into law. By way of Regulation 2015/2424 of 16 December 2015, the CTMR was comprehensively amended and the regulation on the fees payable to the Office repealed. All in all, the reform of the former framework brought about more than 145 amendments. These changes have been codified by Regulation 2017/1001 of 14 June 2017. Needless to say, all changes of a material, procedural or mere terminological nature are commented in detail in the respective context of this profoundly revised second edition.

Trade Mark Law in Europe Ulrich Hildebrandt 2016-04-26 Trade mark law practitioners agree that Ulrich Hildebrandt's Harmonized Trade Mark Law in Europe hugely enhances their work. This third edition, retitled Trade Mark Law in Europe, follows the same well known intensely practical, time-saving format, with each provision of current law (Directive 2015/2436) reproduced in its original English wording and annotated with relevant passages from all relevant decisions of the European Court of Justice, as well as relevant provisions of the Community Trade Mark Regulation and the national trade mark acts of all Member States implementing the Directive. The author's expert commentary on each provision expressly marks major changes to previous versions of the Directive, highlights when case law concerning a previous version remains relevant, and translates passages that lack an official English text. Among the fundamental questions addressed are the following: • When is it possible to register a geographical indication as a trademark? • Are colours and sounds capable of registration? • When may the reputation of a mark be invoked to protect it? • How mundane could a sign be and still claim to be distinctive? • When can it be said that there has been no genuine use of a trade mark? • Where does the Court's function theory influence the trademark law? Given a topic or keyword, appendices assist in the quick finding of any provision of the Directive and relevant case law. There is no other resource presenting the original wording of ECJ case law, broken down by specific point of law and directly related on an article-by-article basis to EU and Member State trade mark legislation. As a highly organized presentation of key information, this is an ideal initial tool that makes any research into European trade mark law fast and easy, whether for academic purposes or actual legal practice. Lawyers, in-house counsel, judges, and academics will all welcome this new edition.

European Intellectual Property Law Justine Pila 2019-08-08 European Intellectual Property Law offers a full account of the main areas of substantive European IP law and a discussion of their wider context and effect. The amount and reach of European law, and decision-making in the field of intellectual property has grown exponentially since the 1960s, making it increasingly difficult to treat European law as an adjunct to domestic intellectual property

regimes. European Intellectual Property Law responds to this reality by presenting a clear and detailed account of each of the main areas of substantive EU intellectual property law, situated in the context of both the EU legal system and international IP law, including EU constitutional law, the law of the European Patent Convention 1973/2000, and private international law. It draws selectively on examples from domestic IP regimes to illustrate substantive differences between those regimes and to demonstrate the impact of European law, and decision-making on EU Member States. This unique, thoroughly modern approach goes beyond a discussion of the provisions of European legal instruments to consider their wider context and effect. European Intellectual Property Law is the ideal guide for any student wishing to gain a full and critical understanding of the substantive European law of intellectual property.

European Community Trademark: Commentary to the European Community Regulations Miguel A. Baz 1997-11-26 An established trademark indicates quality and provides valuable recognition for trade and sales promotion. Without adequate protection, these essential functions are jeopardized. The need for unification in this area, especially in Europe, can no longer be ignored. The Community Directive and Regulation are the response to this need. This commentary provides the texts of essential legislation and offers an analysis of the Directive and Regulation in their historical context. Coverage includes issues such as: grounds for refusal entitlement registration procedures jurisdiction and procedure in legal actions the impact of the Community trademark on applicants from non-member countries The transformation of the Council Directive and the Commission Regulations into national laws in many Member States of the European Union (EU) enhances the value of European Community Trade Mark in the interpretation and analysis of national European trademark laws. Written by leading European experts in the field, this commentary provides an invaluable tool for practitioners, scholars, and marketing managers in interpreting the Community provisions in this specialized, critical area. It is unique in its coupling of a strong theoretical background with the experience of contributors from diverse legal and practical cultures.

Innovation, Competition and Consumer Welfare in Intellectual Property Law Gustavo Ghidini 2010-01-01 Professor Ghidini has long since made himself a worldwide reputation as a leading scholar. He is a profound critic of intellectual property protection that follows rigid property logic, and favours the functionalist competition/innovation logic. Innovation, Competition and Consumer Welfare in Intellectual Property Law is truly enriching reading. Hanns Ullrich, College of Europe, Bruges, Belgium We in the United States have much to learn not only from Gustavo Ghidini's careful analysis of modern trends in the European IP regime but also from his thoughtful development of the thesis that free competition should be understood as the overarching principle guiding both IP protection and what we call antitrust law. Rudolph J.R. Peritz, New York Law School, US and author of Competition Policy in America This authoritative book provides a comprehensive critical overview of the basic IP paradigms, such as patents, trademarks and copyrights. Their intersection with competition law and their impacts on the exercise of social welfare are analysed from an evolutionary perspective. The analyses and proposals presented encompass the features and rationales of a legal field in constant evolution, and relate them to increasingly rapid technological, economic, social and geo-political developments. Gustavo Ghidini highlights the emerging trends that challenge the traditional all-exclusionary vision of IP law and its application. The author expertly combines holistic, evolutionary and constitutionally oriented approaches, with the search for a rebalancing of the IP rights holders positions with citizens and users rights. This book will appeal to academics, scholars and lawyers specializing in the realm of intellectual property, competition and comparative law.

Sponsored Links and Trademark Infringement Daniel Kalisch 2011-08-24 Master's Thesis from the year 2011 in the subject Law - Civil / Private / Trade / Anti Trust Law / Business Law, grade: 16/20 , Leuven Catholic University (Faculty of Law), course: LL.M. Program, European IP Law & Business Law, language: English, abstract: ISP's legal liability under trademark law with regards to Keyword Advertising is not well developed in literature and jurisdiction. Despite some few judgments in this field, it is obvious that also in other areas of law national courts do mainly focus on ISP's secondary liability without any clear distinction from primary liability. There seems to be also some hesitation to base a primary liability on a failure to act. For that reasons this paper analyses primary liability of an internet reference provider like Google (TM) for Keyword Advertising under Art. 5 EU Trademark Directive taking into account not only positive activities but also a failure to act. Apart from storing Keywords and displaying ads also other contributions of Google like its Keyword Tool and approval process for ads or the ISP's knowledge of infringements are contemplated. Starting point of the investigation is the recent decision of the ECJ to Google Adwords (TM) from 23.3.2010 where the court held that the provider can not be liable for a trademark infringement as the ISP did not use a sign itself in own commercial communication. The author goes beyond this judgment and suggests to apply this new criterion of attribution to all forms of trademark uses within the entire Art. 5 EU Trademark Directive including an omission of the provider. By establishing a link between Ecommerce Directive and Trademark Directive the writer defines the scope of trademark protection and examines some minimum requirements to identify a trademark infringement of the ISP. This is absolutely a new method as no literature exists. As a first main result it was found that Google is not directly engaged in a trademark infringement by its positive actions. By contrast, the research made clear that actual knowledge of ongoing infringements is the core element to establish a primary liability for a failure to stop or prevent trademark infringements and makes the ISP use a trademark itself in its own communication. This paper shall contribute to define a clear distinction between direct and indirect infringements and it also wants to sensitize the reader for the legal importance and consequences of actual knowledge of the ISP.

Trademark Law and Theory Graeme B. Dinwoodie 2008 Boasting an impressive list of contributors, this first edition of Trademark Law and Theory brings together a compilation of well-written and powerfully argued works by leading international academics. The book is certainly one of the most extensive and thought provoking overviews of contemporary trademark law and theory yet to be published. . . Whilst all the contributions share in common their examination of the rapidity of change within trademark systems, the editors should be commended on their generous seasoning of other cross cutting themes throughout the Handbook. . . This fascinating compendium enriches our understanding of the shape, substance, and form of trademark law and theory. . . this Handbook is perhaps a rare exception to the adage that no book can be all things to all men . Its broad sweep approach and cross cutting themes enable a range of interested parties, such as policymakers; academics in the fields of marketing, business, consumer psychology; in addition to the usual suspects; to dip in and out of the Handbook as they wish. . . a unique and erudite collection of essays concerning trademark law and theory. . . Odette Hutchinson, Communications Law Trademarks is an area of vital, practical everyday concern, and the idea of producing a volume that brings together the perspectives of 19 thoughtful and experienced legal scholars is a bold and exciting initiative. The present volume does not disappoint and the two editors are to be congratulated on orchestrating an ensemble that simultaneously informs and stimulates. The title is apt: it is truly contemporary and is highly theoretical and doctrinal in character, while the interesting choice of the word handbook suggests clearly that this is a work in progress, a snapshot at a particular time of the challenging lines of individual research that each contributor to the volume is undertaking. It is a fine addition to a larger series of research handbooks in intellectual property published by Edward Elgar under the series editorship of Jeremy Phillips. . . The editors have done a fine job in presenting this material in such a clear and coherent fashion. . . this is an excellent and rewarding volume of readings that will be of interest to anyone working in the area of trademarks, whether as an academic or as a practitioner. Indeed, for the practitioner it will be of particular value, in that it contains, and opens up, many areas of inquiry that may not always be apparent when working at the coalface of a particular problem. . . For both kinds of readers, the real value of the volume is to have so many different kinds of perspectives brought together within the space of a single volume. . . this is a handsome production: the publishers and editors are to be commended on the clarity and cleanness of the typeface and headings, the thoroughness of the index, and the accuracy of their proof reading. It has also been given a striking and evocative cover. Sam Ricketson, University of Melbourne Law School Australia, European Intellectual Property Review Trademark Law and Theory is a first-rate exploration of the issues that will dominate trademark law in the 21st century. Authors from five continents provide a truly global perspective on the present and future of trademark law. An exceptional collection of contributors and contributions. Robert Denicola, University of Nebraska, US This compendium is an excellent source of writing on all aspects of trademark law and

practice by experts from Europe, the United States, South Africa, Singapore, New Zealand and Australia. It will be a stimulating read for lawyers, academics, students and policymakers alike on the present and developing trends in law and policy relating to trademarks as marketing tools and cultural artefacts. The editors deserve congratulation on their concept for the book and their judicious selection of material. David Vaver, University of Oxford, UK
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International Trademark Protection Graeme Dinwoodie 2018-04-09 It is an unquestioned assumption of trade mark law that trade marks are territorial. But is territoriality relevant in a global marketplace? If trade marks are not dependent upon territoriality what are the alternative models for their protection? Professor Dinwoodie considers these important issues in this thought-provoking scholarly treatment of the concept and relevance of territoriality in modern trade mark law. Professor Dinwoodie provides numerous key insights in this books. First, he highlights three alternative models that might facilitate the move to international protection: (a) protection through international institutions, (b) protection through evolution of national doctrine, and (c) protection through regional unitary rights. Second, by focusing on the surprising evolutions in national regimes, the resistance of European Union trade mark law to embrace fully the logic of the Community Trade Mark, and the weaknesses of the explicitly international system, Professor Dinwoodie identifies the key variables that will determine the ability of trade mark law to reflect a new post-national era. Third, by comparing and critiquing the different models, Professor Dinwoodie lays bare the policy choices and political dilemmas that underlie what is thought to be a relatively technical area of law, and advances a prescription for reconciling global markets with local values, cultures and institutions. Finally, Professor Dinwoodie draws these insights together to illuminate a number of characteristics of trade mark law: its role in industrial and economic policy developments; the extent of its subservience to political rather than commercial forces; the relationship between protecting goodwill and registration systems; the complexity of the values pursued by trademark protection; and, perhaps most fundamentally, why territoriality operates differently in trade mark law than in other intellectual property regimes.

European Trademark Law Tobias Cohen Jehoram 2010-01-01 European Trademark Law describes all relevant developments in both legislation and case law, in particular of the Court of Justice, offering not only a succinct introduction to the theory, structure and nature of trademark law, but also insightful suggestions for resolving and answering a host of practical problems. As the authors note, their book provides an 'overview of trademark law rather than an overview of trademark legislation.' The authors view the law from different perspectives; they take both the European perspective and the perspective from harmonised national trademark law, in particular as it is in the Benelux countries. Paying particular attention to the implications of the considerable stream of case law that has followed from partially new doctrines set in place by the harmonization process, the book greatly clarifies the workings and interrelations of such factors as the following: situations that did not constitute infringement under former trademark law but do constitute infringement today and vice versa; different types of marks and their particularities; registration and opposition procedures; relevant international treaties; requirements for the mark; grounds for refusal and invalidity; scope of and limitations to trademark protection; use of trademarks in comparative advertising; referential use of trademarks; use of trademarks on the internet; exhaustion of rights, parallel trade; concepts of well known trademarks and trademarks with a reputation; procedural aspects of enforcing trademark rights; how trademark rights are lost. The analysis also covers specific aspects of the trademark right that are related to other legal areas, such as property law, trade name law, the law regarding geographical indications of origin, copyright law, competition law, and product liability. An especially valuable part of the book's presentation follows the 'life' of a trademark from filing the application up to and including its cancellation, revocation or invalidity.

Well-Known Trade Marks Hiroko Onishi 2015-06-26 This book considers the effectiveness of well-known trade mark protection at an international level. It particularly considers EU trade mark law from Japanese perspectives, and provides a practical and critical overview of trade mark law in Japan, including the historical development of the law and the recent development on cases and policy. The book includes detailed coverage of the Japanese Unfair Competition Prevention Act, and contains the first systematic analysis of Japanese jurisprudence and legislative amendments of law in relation to well-known trade marks and unfair competition. The book goes on to comparatively analyse Japanese trade mark law alongside that of the European Community Trade Mark system. The book critically considers the difficulties in comprehensively defining a 'well-known trade mark' in the relevant international trade mark instruments. In breaking down the traditional definition of the 'well-known trade mark', the book works to address existing theoretical ambiguities in the application of trade mark law.

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Future Trademark Protection in the European Union Alexander Nette 1995