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SPECIAL LEGAL ALERT ON

Intellectual Property

Beware of Cyber-squatting Threat Open Registration of ".pt" Domains Approaching

The FCCN, which is the Portuguese authority in charge of the top-level domain ".pt", has announced a sunrise period for ".pt" domain registration from March 1, 2012 through April 30, 2012.

What is a Sunrise Period

The sunrise period for domain registration is designed to allow holders of established rights (i.e. holders of registered trademarks) to register the corresponding domain name under the ".pt" top-level domain.

Risk of Not Acting Before May 1st

After the sunrise period, a full "liberalization" of the ".pt" domain will be in effect. This will allow anyone to register a ".pt" domain name starting on May 1, 2012. To avoid cyber-squatting, it is recommended that companies holding trademark rights take advantage of the sunrise period to register their domains under ".pt" before registration is open to everyone on a first come, first serve basis.

How to Register a ".pt" Domain Name

To register a domain name during the sunrise period, your company needs to be the holder of a valid trademark registration in Portugal or any other country. Documentation may be requested to verify your company's existing trademark rights. You will find additional details on the requirements and process for registering ".pt" domains by visiting www.dns.pt.

Obtaining Additional Information

If you have any questions or would like additional information regarding any aspect of protecting your trademark, please contact me at any time by calling 716 849 1333 ext. 371 or via e-mail at jbrown@lglaw.com.