INTERNET LAW

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The Internet and IP Law

The Internet implicates a host of novel intellectual property issues:

Trademarks

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Jurisdiction



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• Much has been written and said about the impact of the Internet on jurisdictional issues. With one potential exception, this is largely much ado about nothing.

■ The same rules that govern old fashioned contracts and torts work perfectly well for Internet oriented cases.

The Exception: Gator v. L. L. Bean

341 F.3d 1072 (9th Cir. 2003)

- In Gator v. L. L. Bean, the 9th Circuit ruled that L. L. Bean, based upon its extensive sales over the Internet and through its catalog, is subject to general jurisdiction in California.
- Rationale is that these activities are the equivalent of a physical presence.
- First case to reach that conclusion based largely on activities conducted over the Internet.