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WTF? Round Two: The Federal Circuit Grants Brunetti (and Trademark Owners) a Reprieve

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In August, the Federal Circuit issued a surprisingly self-critical ruling in the long-standing dispute between Erik Brunetti and the USPTO over Brunetti's efforts to register the term F*CK for a wide variety of goods and services. The Federal Circuit concluded that the Board's decision in *In re Brunett* lacked sufficient clarity and therefore vacated it for further proceedings, which although facially unremarkable, may not only prove to be a boon to Brunetti, it may also be highly beneficial to many trademark owners who have been forced to wrestle with failure-to-function refusals.

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