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New Developments in U.S. Trademark and Unfair Competition Law

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Kilpatrick partner Ted Davis spoke recently on new developments in U.S. trademark and unfair competition law at the [San Francisco Intellectual Property Law Association's annual seminar](#).

That presentation addressed, among other things, the following topics:

1. The mass extinction of precedential opinions from the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board;
2. Supreme Court review in *RiseandShine Corp. v. PepsiCo, Inc.*, 41 F.4th 112 (2d Cir. 2022), cert. granted, 146 S. Ct. 2779 (2026);
3. The continued viability of the *Rogers v. Grimaldi* test for liability in cases not presenting trademark uses by defendants;
4. The Ninth Circuit's latest end run around the text of Section 43(c) in *VIP Products, LLC v. United States*; and
5. The continued split among federal courts on the evidentiary value of federal registrations.

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