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Worldwide trademark and copyright protection; licensing; international business; contracts

EDUCATION:

J.D., University of Chicago Law School, 1978

A.B., Occidental College, Phi Beta Kappa, magna cum laude, 1974

Antonio R. Sarabia II is a general international business lawyer concentrating on trademark and copyright law, with an emphasis on licensing. He has an international and domestic business practice.

Mr. Sarabia was General Counsel of Guess?, Inc. for eight years. His responsibilities included direction of the copyright and trademark protection and anti-counterfeiting programs for the Company.

In his international business practice, Mr. Sarabia represents companies, both in the United States and abroad, which seek licensees and distributors. He has been responsible for the establishment of a network of licensees and distributors throughout Southeast Asia and Latin America, and has served as Vice President of Licensing for a large apparel Company.

Mr. Sarabia has been engaged as an expert on trademark and licensing matters. The Vatican Library retained him as an expert on licensing.

Mr. Sarabia is intimately familiar with the vast array of legal problems which apparel and fashion companies may face. He has worked closely with prominent designers, and understands the importance of protecting the products of creative minds.

Mr. Sarabia has extensive experience with business contracts and transactions. He has handled many construction projects, and other agreements such as computer software and hardware purchases. For his international clients he has created a network of foreign manufacturing contracts and agency agreements to protect their interests.

Mr. Sarabia has developed very cost effective anti-counterfeiting programs for his clients using an innovative combination of civil suits, criminal proceedings and direct approaches. He has worked closely with the FBI, U.S. Customs, United States Attorneys, local police, sheriffs and District Attorneys in criminal counterfeiting cases throughout the United States. He has planned and coordinated federal trademark infringement cases throughout the country.

Mr. Sarabia has been particularly active in the recovery of criminal restitution paid by defendants to the victim trademark owner. He is the author of a chapter on victim restitution in California Criminal Law Procedure and Practice (Sixth Edition).

He has created international intellectual property protection programs which include an international web of investigators and local counsel to stop infringements in Asia, Latin America and Europe.

Mr. Sarabia is a founding member of the Western Anti-counterfeiting Coalition, an organization which consists of trademark and copyright owners working together to stop infringements. He participated in the drafting of, and lobbying for, changes to the California Penal Code to provide greater protection to trademark owners.

Mr. Sarabia authored "Civil Litigators Should Consider Actions for Criminal Restitution." Los Angeles Lawyer Magazine, March 1999.