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Introduction.

The U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) has become one of the most influential venues for resolving high-stakes intellectual property disputes, particularly those involving imported products and advanced technologies. Under Section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, the ITC provides a fast-paced and powerful forum where companies can seek exclusion orders to block infringing goods from entering the United States. This unique combination of trade enforcement and patent litigation has positioned the ITC at the center of global IP strategy, especially for industries where innovation cycles are rapid and competition is intense.

Over the past decade, ITC investigations have increasingly reflected broader technological and economic trends, with disputes often involving complex products such as semiconductors, consumer electronics, and software-driven systems. The growing prominence of areas like digital data processing, telecommunications, and artificial intelligence underscores the strategic importance of protecting intellectual property in a globalized supply chain. At the same time, the ITC's procedural speed, specialized administrative law judges, and ability to grant powerful remedies continue to attract both domestic and international complainants.

This report aims to provide a comprehensive, data-driven overview of ITC Section 337 investigations over the study period. By analyzing filing trends, technology focus areas, and the performance of all stakeholders, including companies, law firms, and attorneys, we place individual cases within a broader competitive and legal landscape. The goal is to equip readers with actionable insights into how the ITC is being used, who the most active and successful participants are, and how the forum continues to evolve in response to shifting innovation and enforcement priorities.

Scope and Methodology

This report analyzes all 408 investigations filed between January 1, 2020, and December 31, 2025. The dataset includes both active and terminated investigations, covering a broad range of technologies, industries, and types of alleged violations. Particular attention is given to investigations involving patent infringement, while also accounting for non-patent claims such as trademark infringement, trade secret misappropriation, and unfair competition.

The analysis captures all stakeholders participating in these investigations, including complainants, respondents, law firms, and individual attorneys. In addition, the report evaluates the role of Administrative Law Judges (ALJs) and tracks procedural outcomes such as settlements, withdrawals, and final determinations. Technology classifications are primarily based on International Patent Classification (IPC) codes, enabling a structured view of innovation areas represented in ITC disputes.

The findings presented in this report are based on a comprehensive review of publicly available ITC records, combined with proprietary data collection and normalization processes. Each investigation was systematically analyzed to extract relevant metadata, including filing dates, parties involved, legal

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representation, asserted patents, and outcomes. To ensure consistency, entities such as company names, law firms, and attorneys were standardized across all cases. Variations in naming conventions were consolidated to provide accurate rankings and activity metrics.

Ranking and scores, such as activity, success and performance, were calculated using defined criteria tailored to ITC proceedings as further covered in Section 6 below. While every effort has been made to ensure accuracy and completeness, the analysis is subject to limitations inherent in publicly available data and evolving case records. Nonetheless, the methodology provides a robust and reliable foundation for understanding key trends and stakeholder dynamics within ITC Section 337 investigations.

Who Can Use This Report and How?

This report is designed to serve a wide range of stakeholders involved in or affected by U.S. trade and patent enforcement proceedings under Section 337 at the ITC. It provides actionable insights for anyone looking to understand trends, evaluate performance, or make strategic decisions in the intellectual property space.

- **In-house legal teams and corporate counsel** can use the data to benchmark enforcement strategies, identify the most active firms and attorneys, and leverage rankings to evaluate representation in ITC investigations. The report also guides decisions around risk assessment, resource allocation, and potential import/export or exclusion strategies.
- **Law firms and attorneys** can leverage the analysis to understand market dynamics, identify high-demand practice areas, and evaluate their performance relative to peers. Rankings of activity, success, and overall effectiveness provide a comparative view of how practitioners and firms perform in ITC investigations. Coverage of lateral moves offers valuable insight into attorney transitions, helping firms recruit experienced talent or expand their Section 337 practice.
- **Investors, analysts, and industry observers** can benefit from the report's insights into enforcement trends, technology hotspots, and recurring infringement patterns, helping to analyze competitive landscapes and potential exposure to trade-related IP risk.

By combining filing activity, case outcomes, and performance metrics, this report provides a practical, evidence-based tool for decision-making, benchmarking, and strategic planning in the evolving world of ITC patent enforcement.

Report Contents

This report, ITC Section 337 Investigation Intelligence 2026, provides a comprehensive analysis of. Leveraging data from ITC filings, EDIS documents, and Patexia's proprietary Litigation Analyzer platform, we decode patterns in case volumes, patent assertions, non-practicing entity (NPE) activity, and entities' performance. By benchmarking 3,967 attorneys, 318 law firms, and 1,729 companies, we identify the most active and best performing players in this niche but influential arena.

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This report provides a data-driven analysis of ITC Section 337 investigations, offering insights into key trends, rankings, and performance metrics across various stakeholders. The sections include:

1. **ITC Statistics** – A comprehensive overview of ITC investigations, presenting high-level statistics on filings, investigation types, unfair acts, case statuses, outcomes, time from filing to termination, NPE activity, the most litigated technologies, and more, covering the period from January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2025.
2. **Complainants and Respondents** – Rankings of the most active and best-performing complainants and respondents throughout the study period.
3. **Law Firms** – An analysis of law firm activity and performance, highlighting top firms representing complainants and respondents.
4. **Attorneys** – A review of attorneys' performance and activity, including rankings of the top attorneys on both sides of ITC disputes. This section also examines significant lateral moves over the past year and tracks law firm growth and shrinking in ITC representation.
5. **Administrative Law Judges (ALJs)** – An assessment of ALJ activity and performance, evaluating their rulings and outcomes across all investigations.
6. **Ranking Methodology** – A detailed explanation of the performance model, outlining how success scores and rankings were calculated for complainants, respondents, their legal representatives, and ALJs.

This report also includes a supplementary Excel file listing all entities ranked (companies, law firms, attorneys) with full rankings across roles (complainant, respondent, and overall), activity and performance metrics (ranks, scores), and historical comparisons to their 2025 rankings. Users can filter, sort, and benchmark entities by activity score, and success rate, enabling granular analysis for strategy development, competitive intelligence, or talent recruitment. The file also highlights 70 lateral moves observed in 2025, detailing attorneys' transitions between firms, their prior and current affiliations, and associated ITC case and overall activity rankings.

We extend our gratitude to the attorneys and the broader IP community for their invaluable contributions. By generously sharing their time and insights, they helped clarify questions around performance measurement, enriching our understanding and enhancing the quality of this report.

With the release of our seventh annual ITC report, we are excited about the opportunities it provides for corporate partners to make informed decisions regarding their ITC counsel. Similarly, we believe our law firm partners can leverage this report as a strategic resource to support business development, marketing initiatives, and recruitment strategies.

Pedram Sameni
Founder and CEO

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Executive Summary.

Between Jan. 1, 2020, and Dec. 31, 2025, the ITC initiated 408 investigations under Section 337. Of these, 306 involved alleged violations, while the remainder addressed related matters such as enforcement, rescission, and modification proceedings. As of Feb. 1, 2026, 329 investigations had reached termination, including 240 violation cases. The rest were still in progress or early stages, with 51 pending before administrative law judges (ALJs), 15 under Commission review, seven withdrawn, four not instituted, and two in pre-institution.

Annual filing activity showed noticeable variation over the six-year period. Filings increased steadily from 71 cases in 2020 to a peak of 79 in 2022, before dropping to 50 in 2023. Activity rebounded in 2024 to 70 cases and stabilized at 64 investigations in 2025, reflecting a more normalized pace following earlier fluctuations.

The ITC currently operates with six active ALJs, following the appointment of Doris Johnson Hines in February 2023. Across the study period, Section 337 investigations involved 1,729 companies, 3,967 attorneys, and 318 law firms, highlighting the scale and complexity of this forum. Activity Scores and rankings in this report are based on all 306 violation investigations, while Performance Scores are derived from the 240 terminated violation cases. As in prior editions, the 2026 ITC badges recognizing Most Active and Best Performing firms and attorneys will be awarded to top participants.

At the same time, the competitive landscape continues to evolve. Law firms are actively expanding their ITC capabilities, reflected in increased lateral movement and new market entrants. Since the previous report, 70 of the top 1,000 most active ITC attorneys have transitioned between firms. This trend, alongside the growing role of litigation funding, reinforces the ITC's position as a strategic venue for IP disputes, complementing traditional district court litigation.

During the study period, Samsung Electronics emerged as the most active company in ITC Section 337 investigations, participating in 30 cases. Lenovo and TCL Technology followed closely behind. Lenovo also ranked as the most active respondent, with involvement in 24 investigations, while Samsung Electronics and TCL Technology placed second and third, respectively. On the complainant side, Ericsson led with eight investigations, followed by Optimum Communications Services Inc. and Samsung Electronics. In terms of performance, Lenovo stood out as the top-performing company overall, achieving a score of 98.44%. Motorola Solutions Inc. and Samsung Electronics followed with scores of 97.21% and 95.82%, respectively. Lenovo also led among respondents with a performance score of 98.56%, ahead of Motorola Solutions Inc. (97.91%) and Samsung Electronics (96.79%). On the complainant side, Club-Conex LLC ranked first with a score of 93.51%, followed by Juul Labs Inc. and Oura Ring Inc., with scores of 93.08% and 90.76%, respectively.

Fish & Richardson was the most active law firm overall, participating in 52 ITC violation investigations and accounting for roughly 17% of all such cases filed between January 2020 and December 2025. The firm also ranked first in representing respondents. Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan and Kirkland & Ellis followed as the second and third most active firms overall. On the complainant side, Quinn Emanuel led, followed by Alston

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& Bird and McKool Smith. Among respondent-side firms, Fish & Richardson ranked first, with DLA Piper and Kirkland & Ellis taking the next two spots. In terms of performance, Foster, Murphy, Altman & Nickel, PC ranked as the top-performing ITC firm overall, achieving a performance score of 97.49%. Fish & Richardson and Morgan Lewis & Bockius followed with scores of 94.33% and 92.91%, respectively. Among respondent firms, Fish & Richardson again led with a performance score of 97.09%, followed by Morgan Lewis & Bockius (96.68%) and Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan (94.17%). On the complainant side, Foster, Murphy, Altman & Nickel, PC ranked first with a score of 95.65%, followed by Alston & Bird (90.66%) and Levi Snotherly & Schaumberg PLLC at 89.95%.

Alex Lasher of Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan was the most active ITC attorney overall, participating in 45 investigations across both complainant and respondent representations. He was followed by Paul F. Brinkman of Kirkland & Ellis and Adam D. Swain of Alston & Bird. On the complainant side, Lasher also ranked first, with Swain and Joshua J. Newcomer of McKool Smith placing second and third. Among respondent-side attorneys, Erin P. Gibson of DLA Piper led the rankings, followed by Brinkman and Lasher. In terms of performance, Matthew Duescher of Foster, Murphy, Altman & Nickel, PC ranked as the top-performing ITC attorney overall with a score of 96.78%. Lasher and Gibson followed closely, with performance scores of 96.22% and 95.77%, respectively. For respondent-side performance, Gibson ranked first, followed by Lasher and Stephanie L. Roberts of Morgan Lewis & Bockius. On the complainant side, Lasher led the rankings, with Duescher and Swain taking second and third place.

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Appendix.

Appendix A: Sources of Data.

Data is the foundation and building block of any data-driven analysis. Therefore, collecting that data from quality sources, and taking extra care in maintaining the data integrity, is something that we at Patexia take very seriously. We have collected our raw data from many sources including:

- US ITC Investigations Database System, Section 337 Information (https://ids.usitc.gov/)
- ITC Electronic Document Information System (EDIS) (https://edis.usitc.gov/external/)
- Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) Database
- United States Patent and Trademark (USPTO) Patent Database
- Public Access to Court Electronic Records (PACER)
- Court of Appeal for the Federal Circuit (CAFC)
- US Patent Classification Database
- Self-reported by attorneys named on the case

For this release, we limited the date range of our analysis to the last six years (January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2025).

While the possibility of errors such as typos in legal documents is inevitable, cleaning and organizing the attorneys' data is even more challenging as attorneys change firms, may not update their information, and often use different variations of their names.

Our engineering team has implemented machine learning and natural language processing (NLP) methods to find the correct matches for various occurrences of the same name. To further minimize the errors, we not only review suspicious matches manually but also host profile pages for more than 100,000 attorneys and agents who can directly review and add missing cases to our database.

All the user-added data was again verified by Patexia's internal data team for accuracy.

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Appendix B: List of All ITC Section 337 Investigations.

See the attached Excel file for the list of all 408 ITC Section 337 cases filed from January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2025.

The spreadsheet covers the following fields for each case:

- ITC Case with a link to the case page on Patexia site
- Filing Date
- Institution Date
- Termination Date
- Status
- Unfair Act
- Title
- Judge
- Patents

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Appendix C: Statistics for Complainants and Respondents.

See the attached Excel file for the statistics related to all 1,729 entities (companies) involved in one or more ITC Section 337 investigations, filed during the period of our study. The spreadsheet covers the following information for each of the companies:

- Company name with a link to Patexia page
- Overall Activity Rank
- Overall Performance Rank
- Respondent Activity Rank
- Respondent Performance Rank
- Complainant Activity Rank
- Complainant Performance Rank
- All Cases
- Respondent Cases
- Complainant Cases
- Overall Activity Score
- Respondent Activity Score
- Complainant Activity Score
- Overall Success Score
- Respondent Success Score
- Complainant Success Score
- Overall Performance Score
- Respondent Performance Score
- Complainant Performance Score
- Overall Activity Rank (2025)
- Overall Performance Rank (2025)
- Respondent Activity Rank (2025)
- Respondent Performance Rank (2025)
- Complainant Activity Rank (2025)
- Complainant Performance Rank (2025)
- Top 3 Law Firms

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Appendix D: Statistics for Law Firms.

The attached Excel file contains detailed statistics for all 318 law firms involved in one or more ITC Section 337 investigations. The spreadsheet includes the following information for each law firm:

- Law firm name with a link to Patexia page
- Overall Activity Rank
- Overall Performance Rank
- Respondent Activity Rank
- Respondent Performance Rank
- Complainant Activity Rank
- Complainant Performance Rank
- All Cases
- Respondent Cases
- Complainant Cases
- Overall Activity Score
- Respondent Activity Score
- Complainant Activity Score
- Overall Success Score
- Respondent Success Score
- Complainant Success Score
- Overall Performance Score
- Respondent Performance Score
- Complainant Performance Score
- Overall Activity Rank (2025)
- Overall Performance Rank (2025)
- Respondent Activity Rank (2025)
- Respondent Performance Rank (2025)
- Complainant Activity Rank (2025)
- Complainant Performance Rank (2025)
- Top 3 Clients

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Appendix E: Statistics for ITC Attorneys.

The attached Excel file contains detailed statistics for the 1,000 most active ITC attorneys involved in ITC Section 337 investigations during the period of our study. The spreadsheet includes the following information for each attorney:

- Attorney name with a link to Patexia page
- Attorney's Title
- Attorney's Law Firm with a link to Patexia Page
- Overall Activity Rank
- Overall Performance Rank
- Respondent Activity Rank
- Respondent Performance Rank
- Complainant Activity Rank
- Complainant Performance Rank
- All Cases
- Respondent Cases
- Complainant Cases
- Overall Activity Score
- Respondent Activity Score
- Complainant Activity Score
- Overall Success Score
- Respondent Success Score
- Complainant Success Score
- Overall Performance Score
- Respondent Performance Score
- Complainant Performance Score
- Overall Activity Rank (2025)
- Overall Performance Rank (2025)
- Respondent Activity Rank (2025)
- Respondent Performance Rank (2025)
- Complainant Activity Rank (2025)
- Complainant Performance Rank (2025)
- Top 3 Clients

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Appendix F: Lateral Moves.

The accompanying Excel file details significant lateral moves since the publication of our previous ITC Intelligence Report in early 2025. We analyzed the top 1,000 most active ITC attorneys featured in our 2026 report and identified those who have changed firms over the past year. The spreadsheet includes information on attorneys who moved and newly formed law firms during this period. For each attorney, it provides the following details:

- Attorney's Name
- Attorney's Title
- Attorney's Current Firm
- Attorney's Old Firm
- Attorney's Overall Activity Rank
- Attorney's total number of ITC cases for the period of the study.

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Appendix G: Best Performing and Most Active Badges.

As per our tradition, every year Patexia designs two categories of badges for Best Performing and Most Active Law Firms / Attorneys (Complainant, Respondent, and overall). The badges are only provided to those firms and attorneys who are ranked in the top 250 and choose to purchase the report (Concierge Members will automatically receive the badges if they are ranked among the top 250).

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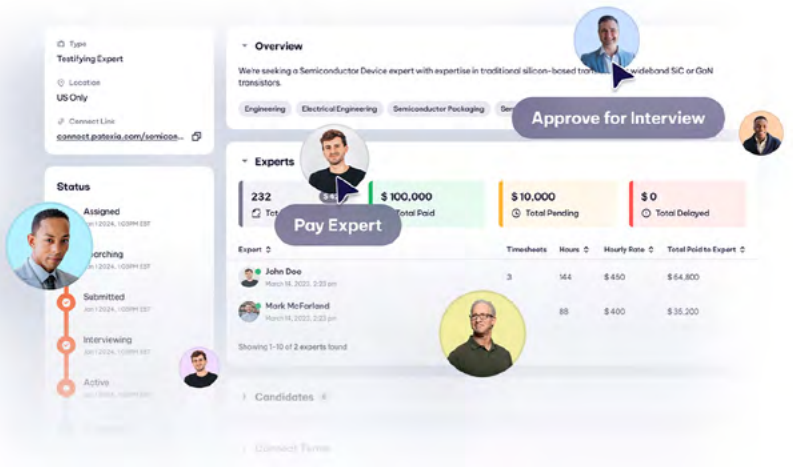

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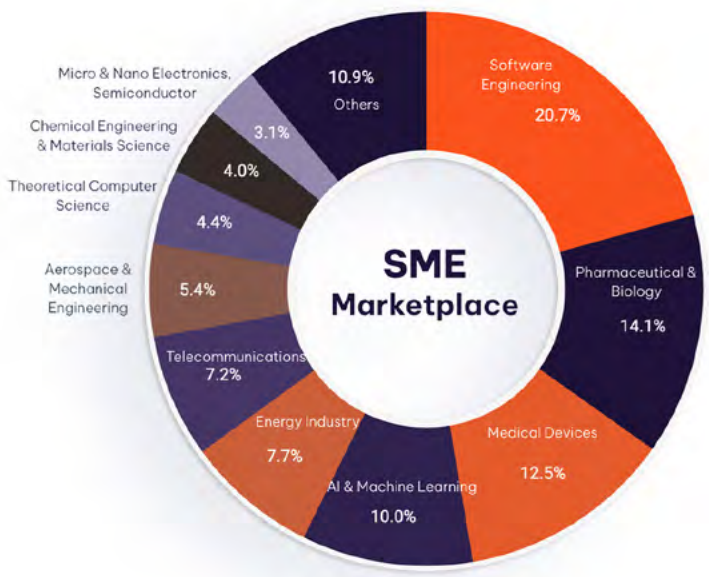

“What really stood out to me was how responsive the Patexia team was and how quickly they found candidates with the right credentials. The expert we worked with was key in helping us secure a favorable settlement by providing a crucial declaration for a patent challenge. The team's professionalism and understanding of legal dynamics, especially in handling billing, have made Patexia a trusted partner for expert witness sourcing.”

Douglas R. Nemec,
Head of Skadden's Intellectual Property Litigation Group.

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