Trademark Protection and Territoriality Challenges in a Global Economy

As the modern business world becomes increasingly decentralized and globally focused, traditional interpretations and applications of trademark protection law are facing greater and greater challenges. This is particularly true regarding the principle of trademark territoriality, which holds that trademark rights are bound by the laws of individual nations. This timely volume offers expert analyses of the challenges facing crucial aspects of trademark law from some of the most prominent scholars in the field.

‘This lively and scholarly edited collection is published as part of Edward Elgar’s Intellectual Property and Global Development Series. . . . The editors are to be congratulated on their thoughtful choice and grouping of contributions to this timely volume. The writing is of a consistently high standard, is well referenced and likely to prompt further research. The book is handsomely produced as one expects of Edward Elgar publications. A table of cases and legislative instruments would have been useful: some but by no means all of these are, however, listed in the general index. The book deserves a wide readership among trade mark lawyers and a place on international intellectual property law syllabi.’
– Professor Norma Dawson, European Intellectual Property Review

‘This book is essential reading for attorneys who represent clients involved in disputes involving foreign trademarks, geographic designations for products, or gray market goods, or whose trademark practice includes the acquisition and enforcement of trademark rights in foreign lands. It also serves as a valuable and illuminating resource for scholars, legislators, judges, trademark office regulators, and anyone else considering whether the territorial model of trademark law is an “anachronism” in today’s global marketplace. . . . This informative book should be part of the legal toolkit of any practicing trademark attorney, and will likely influence future trademark policy and scholarship. The chapters provide an excellent overview of various legal issues that are critical to the global practice of trademark law today. The authors’ original legal analysis and practical solutions to the problems set forth in the chapters are an important contribution to the complex and challenging field of international, comparative, and transnational trademark law.’
– Lisa P. Ramsey, The IP Law Book Review

‘The legal and practical challenges created by the apparent tension between the operation of trademark laws and the borderless nature of a brand-based economy is explored throughout this book . . . it has contributions from writers across the globe, providing a more balanced overview of the way this issue impacts different countries.’
– Sharon Givoni, Sharon Givoni Consulting

‘There is an inherent tension between the push to harmonize international intellectual property norms and the need to remain flexible and adaptive in domestic policy-setting. In trademark law, global brands protection must be balanced against the interests of consumers, who, though they may be aware of the global realm, are ultimately local actors. This is the key issue explored in this well-crafted and timely book.’
– Alonzo G. Kelly, Assistant Professor of Law, Syracuse University College of Law
Trademark law is territorial but trademarks, like trade, are increasingly global. Trademark owners often operate in worldwide markets where they are confronted with varying territorial legal rules about registration and even use of their trademarks. This apparent dichotomy between trade without borders and trademark laws with borders creates many challenging legal and practical issues which this volume tackles. This outstanding collection offers both specialists and novices insights into this complex topic. The editors are to be commended for their foresight in bringing this collection together.

– Daniel J. Gervais, Vanderbilt University Law School, US

The growing globalization of trade increases the challenges faced by trademark owners in the territories where they operate or plan to expand. Trademark owners thus have to find ways to solve the tension between global markets and territorial regimes of protection, which is precisely what this book explores from different angles and what makes it an essential work in today's borderless and brand-based economy. The result is a remarkable collection of original and thought-provoking chapters, which masterfully discuss the challenges and opportunities that the global economy presents, and will continue to present, for the territorial acquisition and enforcement of trademark rights.

– Susy Frankel Victoria, University of Wellington, New Zealand

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