

Hale and Dorr Client ASML Receives Favorable Patent Ruling from ITC Judge

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On January 29, 2003, an administrative law judge at the US International Trade Commission (Commission) in Washington D.C. ruled in favor of Hale and Dorr's client, ASML, on all claims filed against the company by competitor Nikon Corporation of Japan.

The judge determined that ASML had not violated Section 337 of U.S. trade law, which governs investigations into allegations of certain unfair practices in import trade.

"We are extremely gratified by this initial determination from the administrative law judge," said Doug Dunn, president and CEO, ASML.

ASML is in the process of reviewing the initial determination with its advisors. A detailed statement will be issued in due course.