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Daniel Baldwin  
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Dear Mr. Baldwin:

Juliana Cofrancesco, Chairperson of the ITC Committee of the American Bar Association's Section of Intellectual Property Law ("Section"), has told me of the excellent working relationship that our organization enjoys with your Office of International Trade, in particular with the Intellectual Property Rights and Restricted Merchandise Branch. I understand that this Branch is working to help implement the 2010 Strategic Plan on Intellectual Property Enforcement with respect to promoting enhanced communications and greater transparency in the administration of ITC exclusion orders.

Our Section's March 22nd comments to Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator Victoria Espinel on the Strategic Plan included an expression of support for the concept of *inter partes* proceedings for determining whether re-designed products are within or outside the scope of an extant ITC exclusion order. A copy of those comments is attached.

The Section and our ITC Committee look forward to continuing the cooperative working relationship with your Office and its component units. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of assistance.

Very truly yours,



Marylee Jenkins  
Chairperson  
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