

CHRISTIE, PARKER & HALE OBTAINS AWARD OF ATTORNEYS' FEES AGAINST PATENT HOLDING COMPANY AND ITS LAW FIRM

PASADENA, Calif. (December 17, 2009) – [Christie, Parker & Hale LLP](#) (CPH), one of Southern California's leading intellectual property law firms announced today that the firm obtained an award of attorneys' fees on behalf of a group of defendants for whom CPH had earlier obtained a summary judgment of noninfringement.

Patent holding company International Intellectual Management Corporation ("IIMC") had asserted infringement of three patents by a number of defendants engaged in the import and sale of blankets, including CPH clients Lee Yunn Enterprises, Inc. (U.S.A.), American Jiamei Textile, Awad Manufacturing, Inc., Chung's Appliance, Inc., J.J.P, Inc., Kim's Home Center, Inc., L.A. Home Fashion, Inc., S & L, and Sung's Home Collection.

After the Court granted defendants' motion for summary judgment, CPH filed a motion on defendants' behalf seeking reimbursement of the attorneys' and expert witness fees defendants had incurred in defending the lawsuit. The Court granted the motion, finding that IIMC had not performed a proper investigation before filing suit, and that it was improper for an employee of IIMC's law firm (who is also an officer of IIMC) to have contacted one of the defendants directly. In imposing an award of more than \$275,000 in attorneys' fees against IIMC and its counsel, the Park Law Firm, the Court found that CPH's rates and overall fees were reasonable. The Court also awarded CPH's clients more than \$34,000 in expert witness fees.

CPH's litigation team included CPH attorneys Brian K. Brookey, Thomas J. Daly, G. Warren Bleeker, and Steven E. Lauridsen. "At CPH, we pride ourselves in providing excellent representation at a lower cost than that typically charged by larger law firms," said Brookey, who was lead counsel on the matter. "Patent litigation can be very expensive, so we are especially pleased that having represented our nine clients in this action in a very cost-effective manner, we also were able to obtain an order providing for reimbursement of fees."

About Christie, Parker & Hale

Christie, Parker & Hale is a leading intellectual property law firm operating at the crossroads of science, technology and the law. Engaged exclusively in all aspects of intellectual property law, most of the firm's attorneys hold degrees in engineering or the sciences, bringing added value and perspective to client service. Drawing on a 54-year heritage, the firm continues to propel innovation and stimulate business growth by protecting its clients' most valuable assets – intellectual property.