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### **Banner & Witcoff, Ltd. Wins 7<sup>th</sup> Circuit Appeal in Trademark Infringement Case**

(Chicago, IL – February 14, 2007) – Banner & Witcoff, Ltd., and Roylance, Abrams, Berdo & Goodman, L.L.P. won a final judgment in the amount of \$969,751.81 in the trademark lawsuit, *Central Mfg. Co., et al. v. Pure Fishing, Inc., et al.*, which was affirmed in its entirety by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.

As part of this affirmance, the district court's order that Leo Stoller and his companies were "vexatious litigants" was upheld. Consequently, Leo Stoller and his companies are barred from "instituting any lawsuit or trademark opposition without prior leave of this Court pursuant to this Court's authority under the All Writs Act 28 U.S. C. § 1651(a)."

"Banner & Witcoff is very pleased with the final judgment and vexatious-litigant injunction entered in this case," said Timothy C. Meece, counsel from Banner & Witcoff.

The legal team on this case representing Pure Fishing, Inc. *et al.* was [Timothy C. Meece](#) of Banner & Witcoff, Ltd. and Lance J. Johnson of Roylance, Abrams, Berdo & Goodman, L.L.P.

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