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10 Lessons From ITC's First-Ever Unfair Import Virtual Trial



The U.S. International Trade Commission is charged with concluding Section 337 investigations involving unfair import practices—which most commonly involve allegations of patent infringement—"at the earliest practicable time."

To carry out that mission during the pandemic, the ITC announced on July 20 that it had selected WebEx Meeting as its secure Federal Risk and Authorization Management Program, or FedRAMP, certified video teleconferencing platform to conduct proceedings involving confidential business information while the commission building is closed.

Following that selection, the ITC's administrative law judges issued individual orders regarding how trials via WebEx would proceed. Being the ITC, it was then off to the races. There are currently 10 Section 337 trials scheduled to take place via WebEx before the end of the year.

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