

# The Red Sole: The Recognition of Non-Conventional Trademarks

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On Tuesday, December 4, Brooks Pierce hosted the ABA IP Section's monthly roundtable in our Greensboro office.

Earlier this year, the Second Circuit held that high-end fashion designer Christian Louboutin's lacquered red outsole - as applied to a shoe of an otherwise different color - is a distinctive symbol of Louboutin's brand that qualifies for trademark protection. This IP Roundtable focused on the impact of the decision on trademark law and the role of trademarks in fashion.

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