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TRADEMARK

PENNSYLVANIA BAND JELLYROLL SUES COUNTRY ARTIST JELLY ROLL FOR TRADEMARK INFRINGEMENT

Country musician Jelly Roll is facing legal action from a Pennsylvania wedding band who claim they've used the name "Jellyroll" long before Jelly Roll achieved success. The Pennsylvania band has sued Jelly Roll in federal court in Philadelphia for, among others, trademark infringement, damage to their reputation, and unfair competition.

<https://www.cbsnews.com/philadelphia/news/jelly-roll-sued-lawsuit-chadds-ford-philadelphia-pennsylvania-band/>



K-POP BOYBAND HIGHLIGHT RECLAIMS TRADEMARK FOR THEIR ORIGINAL NAME, BEAST

Around Us Entertainment, Highlight's label, revealed that the boyband has regained the trademark for their original name, BEAST. The group initially debuted as BEAST in 2019 before transitioning to Highlight in 2016 upon departing from CUBE Entertainment.

<https://www.nme.com/news/music/k-pop-boyband-highlight-regain-trademark-to-original-name-beast-3612052>

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PATENT



THE LEGAL BATTLE BETWEEN PFIZER AND MODERNA REGARDING COVID VACCINE PATENTS COMMENCES IN THE UK

Pfizer and BioNTech have initiated legal action in a London court to challenge Moderna's patents related to crucial COVID-19 vaccine technology. The lawsuit, which began in September 2022, follows a series of global legal disputes. Moderna countered the lawsuit shortly afterward, alleging infringement of its own patents.

<https://www.reuters.com/business/healthcare-pharmaceuticals/pfizer-vs-moderna-battle-over-covid-vaccine-patents-begins-uk-2024-04-23/>

BIO-TECHNE'S UK PATENT ATTEMPT FAILS, MOVING THE COMPANY TO PURSUE LEGAL RECOURSE AT THE UPC

The UK High Court has invalidated two patents held by Advanced Cell Diagnostics (ACD), a brand of Bio-Techne, after a disagreement with Molecular Instruments. ACD claimed infringement for its RNAscope technology, but the court ruled the patents invalid, citing overwhelming evidence from Molecular Instruments.

<https://www.lifesciencesipreview.com/biotechnology/bio-techne-loses-patent-bid-in-uk-while-filing-same-claims-at-upc>

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PATENT

ABBOTT HAS COMMENCED A NEW ROUND OF LEGAL ACTION AGAINST SIBIO IN EUROPE

Abbott Diabetes Care has initiated legal action by filing three patent lawsuits against SiBio Technology and its distribution partner, Umedwings, over glucose-monitoring device technology at the UPC, along with additional lawsuits in national courts.

<https://www.juve-patent.com/cases/abbott-launches-new-wave-of-cgm-patent-lawsuits-against-sibio-in-europe/>



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COPYRIGHT

SONY WINS OVER \$800,000 IN TIKTOK COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT CASE

Sony Music sued TikTok user Trefuego for over \$800,000 in damages for using a copyrighted sample without permission. His track "90mh" sampled Toshifumi Hinata's 1986 song "Reflections", which Sony called a "flagrant and deliberate" infringement. A federal judge ruled against Trefuego, ordering him to pay \$802,997 in damages, ongoing royalties, and Sony's legal costs. Trefuego must also share 50% of publishing revenue and 20% of recording revenue with Sony.

<https://www.nme.com/news/sony-awarded-more-than-800k-over-tiktok-copyright-infringement-3749902>



DRAMA "QUEEN OF TEARS" FACES LEGAL BATTLE OVER COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT

The drama "Queen of Tears" is facing legal issues due to copyright infringement, with reports of unauthorised video content circulating online. These illegal videos have been widely shared, causing concern among the show's creators and rights holders. Efforts are being made to track down those responsible for distributing the illegal videos and ensure that copyright laws are enforced to protect the show's intellectual property.

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/web-series/news/korean/queen-of-tears-drama-faces-copyright-issues-with-illegal-viewing-in-china/articleshow/109562400.cms>

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COPYRIGHT

AMAZON FACES LAWSUIT ALLEGING COPYRIGHT VIOLATIONS

Dr. Viviane Ghaderi, a former AI scientist at Amazon, has filed a lawsuit against the company, alleging harassment, discrimination, wrongful termination, and pressure to breach internal copyright rules. She claims her team director instructed her to ignore Amazon's copyright policies to meet project goals, leading to tension between compliance and management directives.

<https://www.hrgrapevine.com/us/content/article/2024-04-24-ex-amazon-ai-employee-claims-she-was-pressured-to-breach-internal-copyright-rules-to-avoid-falling-behind-rivals>



CELEBRATING WORLD BOOK AND COPYRIGHT DAY 2024

World Book and Copyright Day 2024, celebrated annually on April 23, promotes reading, publishing, and copyrights, with events worldwide. Organised by United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), it aims to encourage reading and support authors. The date commemorates notable authors like Shakespeare and Cervantes. Each year, a city is named World Book Capital, with Strasbourg, France, in 2024.

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/africa/news/2024-04/celebrating-world-book-and-copyright-day-2024.html>

SPORTS

PREMIER LEAGUE CONSIDERS SALARY CAP

The Premier League is considering a salary cap to address financial sustainability, after failing to reach a funding agreement with the English Football League. The new cap could either limit spending to 70% of revenue or link it to TV revenue from the lowest-earning clubs. This latter approach could face opposition from top clubs like Manchester United, who worry it might impact their competitiveness in European tournaments. Discussions are happening alongside moves to establish an independent football regulator to improve financial stability and governance.

<https://www.bbc.com/sport/football/articles/cpeg7jq4xg7o>



NBA BANS PLAYER FOR LIFE AMID CONCERNS OVER SPORTS GAMBLING'S RAPID EXPANSION

The NBA banned Toronto Raptors player Jontay Porter for life for disclosing confidential information to gamblers, manipulating game outcomes, and betting on matches. His case highlights a broader concern: the explosion of sports gambling since a 2018 US Supreme Court ruling, leading to increased addiction and wealth disparity. Despite these issues, federal regulation is lacking, with 38 states and the District of Columbia allowing legal sports betting, raising concerns about the negative impact on society, and the risks of gambling addiction.

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2024/apr/22/us-sports-gambling-far-from-progressive>

SPORTS

BOTAFOGO OWNER JOHN TEXTOR FACES TRIAL OVER MATCH-FIXING CLAIMS IN BRAZIL

Botafogo owner John Textor will face trial at Brazil's Superior Court of Sport for Football, risking a one-year suspension for failing to provide evidence supporting his claims of match-fixing in the Brazilian league. Textor had accused Palmeiras, the 2023 champions, of involvement in match-fixing but has not presented proof, leading to backlash from various clubs and the Confederation of Brazil Football. Palmeiras is seeking a court order to stop Textor from mentioning them, while Textor insists he has submitted evidence to authorities.

<https://www.insideworldfootball.com/2024/04/04/textor-face-brazilian-sports-court-allegations-corruption-cost-botafogo-2023-title/>



GAMING

RIOT GAMES AND MOONTON SETTLE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY DISPUTE OVER MOBILE LEGENDS

Riot Games has dropped its lawsuit against Moonton Games after reaching a global settlement over intellectual property disputes involving Mobile Legends, Bang Bang. The legal battle started in 2017 when Riot accused Moonton of copying elements from League of Legends, but jurisdiction issues led to the case's dismissal. After a second lawsuit in 2022 was also dismissed, Riot and Moonton settled in 2024, resulting in Riot's formal withdrawal of all related lawsuits. Riot is known for League of Legends, while Moonton is recognised for Mobile Legends: Bang Bang.

<https://www.onesports.gg/mobile-legends/moonton-games-riot-games-lawsuit/>



APPLE AND EPIC GAMES TO FACE OFF IN COURT OVER APP STORE POLICIES

Apple and Epic Games are heading back to court after Epic accused the tech giant of acting in bad faith by failing to comply with a 2021 court order. The injunction required Apple to allow developers to link to non-Apple payment methods in the App Store. US District Judge Yvonne Gonzalez Rogers noted that Apple's behaviour may have limited competition and user choice, ordering an evidentiary hearing on May 8.

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/roberthart/2024/04/24/apple-and-fortnite-maker-epic-games-are-heading-back-to-court-again---heres-why/?sh=672e35b41e6d>

GAMING

GAMING INDUSTRY FACES LAWSUITS OVER ALLEGED VIDEO GAME ADDICTION

More than a dozen lawsuits have been filed in North America alleging that major video game companies, like Activision Blizzard, Epic Games, and Microsoft, intentionally design their games to be addictive, especially for minors. These lawsuits claim that such practices lead to excessive gaming, spending, and behavioural issues among young people. The companies have denied these allegations and are seeking to dismiss the cases, citing user agreements and free speech.

<https://www.polygon.com/24138572/video-game-addiction-lawsuits-2023-2024>



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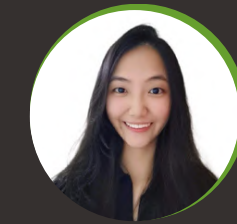
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