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For the Redskins, NFL Playoff Season Means. . . Constitutionality Questions?

The NFL playoffs aren't the only big football news happening this month! The U.S. Department of Justice recently decided to intervene in the Washington Redskins trademark litigation over the constitutionality of certain provisions of the Lanham Act.

TAGS: commercial speech, doj, eastern district of virginia, federal court, fifth amendment, first amendment, football, free speech, intellectual property, lanham act, lanham act section 2a, native americans, nfl, notice of intervention, redskins, registered trademark, trademark & trade dress, trademark litigation, trademarks, ttab, u.s. department of justice, u.s. district court, u.s. trademark trial and appeal board, washington redskins

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A "Giant" Decision: Trademark Trial and Appeal Board Denies Registration of "G-Men" to the New York Giants

It's not just the Redskins anymore! Following the cancellation of the Redskins trademark earlier this summer, the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board has issued another football related decision regarding the New York Giants' trademark of their commonly used nickname, the "G-Men."

TAGS: g-men, intellectual property, new york giants, redskins, trademark, trademark & trade dress, ttab, uspto
