

# Latham in the Lead

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You learn something new every day. You know those air-filled plastic pouches that pad the contents of just about every box you get in the mail? They're called dunnage.

And two companies that make them are involved in a big patent fight.

**Latham & Watkins** represents **Free-Flow Packaging International Inc.**, which was sued in 2014 for infringing six patents owned by Automated Packaging Systems, represented by Hughes Hubbard & Reed; Morrison & Foerster and Calfee, Halter and Griswold.

In January, Latham lawyers got the case transferred from the **Northern District of Ohio** to

the **Northern District of California** (thanks *TC Heartland!*).

On Thursday, they kept the momentum going when **U.S. District Judge Edward Chen** issued a **claim construction order** that appears to favor Free-Flow.

The Latham team includes partners **Richard Frenkel, Max Grant, and Marc Zubick**, and associates **Brett Sandford, Kyle Virgien, Nicholas Yu, Maureen Long** and **Ravi Antani**.

A jury trial is scheduled for July 8, 2019 in San Francisco.

Meanwhile, Latham's client is proceeding with its own patent suit against Automated Packaging Systems—this one still pending in Ohio.