



LA attorneys featured in "9th Circ. Frees Hanover From Covering Trade Dress Battle," Law360

New York (May 27, 2014, 5:58 PM ET) — The Ninth Circuit held Friday that a lower court correctly tossed Trenches Inc.'s lawsuit against Hanover Insurance Co. over coverage for claims that the kitchen cleaning company infringed the trade dress of its former franchiser, finding a breach of contract exclusion applied.

The appeals court ruled that Hoodz International LLC's underlying claims against Trenches triggered an exclusion in Hanover's policy for claims "arising out of" an alleged breach of franchise agreement and a settlement agreement.