

### 3 KEY TAKEAWAYS

## Protecting Your Company's IP in China: Manufacturers, Suppliers, and Competitors and the Pitfalls to Avoid

[Kilpatrick Townsend](#) Partner [Clark Weight](#) and Shanghai Office Managing Partner [Charles Gray](#) recently presented at the **ACC Colorado 2023 In-House Counsel Forum**. Their session, "Protecting Your Company's IP in China: Manufacturers, Suppliers, and Competitors and the Pitfalls to Avoid", covered how to avoid or mitigate issues that arise when competitors, manufacturers, opportunists, or even JV partners file patents on your company's inventions.

Here are 3 Key Takeaways from the presentation:

**1**

Monitor Chinese filings to identify copycat utility model filings.

Consider enforcement options against identified copycat entities, including litigation and invalidation.

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Be strategic in Chinese invention and utility model filings to minimize impacts of copycat entities.

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