

# Seattle Intellectual Property American Inn of Court

## Group 2: November 19, 2015 Presentation

15 U.S.C. § 1052: No trademark by which the goods of the applicant may be distinguished from the goods of others shall be refused registration on the principal register on account of its nature unless it—

(a) Consists of or comprises immoral, deceptive, or scandalous matter; or matter which may disparage or falsely suggest a connection with persons, living or dead, institutions, beliefs, or national symbols, or bring them into contempt, or disrepute; or a geographical indication which, when used on or in connection with wines or spirits, identifies a place other than the origin of the goods and is first used on or in connection with wines or spirits by the applicant on or after one year after the date on which the WTO Agreement (as defined in section 3501(9) of title 19) enters into force with respect to the United States.

# THE SLANTS

**BURNSIDE**  
SXSW SHOWCASE

**SUBMERGED**  
WEDNESDAY MARCH 18TH  
333 E. SECOND ST.  
AT TRINITY

**STARRING:**

- JACKIE BRISTOW 8 PM
- THE SUMMER WARDROBE 9 PM
- THE SERVICE INDUSTRY 10 PM
- SWEET WATER 11 PM
- BLIND PILOT 12 AM
- THE SLANTS 1 AM**

**SXSW 09**  
MUSIC

**R** rock.  
www.bdcdistribution.com

**BDC**  
burnside distribution corporation

The poster features a central yellow circular graphic with a green border. On the left, there is a circular inset photo of a woman with dark hair. On the right, there is a photo of a woman looking up at a large, metallic, alien-like sculpture. At the bottom left, there is a small logo for 'SUBMERGED' with a blue background and white text.

# United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

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IN RE: SIMON SHIAO TAM,  
*Appellant*

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2014-1203

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Appeal from the United States Patent and Trademark  
Office, Patent Trial and Appeal Board in No. 85472044.

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Decided: April 20, 2015

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HIEBER, THOMAS L. CASAGRANDE, NATHAN K. KELLEY.

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Before LOURIE, MOORE, and O'MALLEY, *Circuit Judges*.  
MOORE, *Circuit Judge*.

Simon Shiao Tam appeals from the decision of the  
Trademark Trial and Appeal Board (the Board) affirming  
the examining attorney's refusal to register the mark  
THE SLANTS because it is disparaging. *We affirm.*

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