

Haynes and Boone Successfully Settles Patent Infringement Suit

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Haynes Boone helped client Lynk Labs, Inc., a leading LED technology manufacturer, settle a patent infringement and breach of contract suit against Acuity Brands, Inc.

In 2015, Lynk sued Juno Lighting, a subsidiary of Schneider Electric that Acuity acquired, in federal court for infringing patents related to LED lighting.

Following nearly two years of litigation, Haynes Boone helped its client successfully resolve the matter.

“This is a significant achievement and winning milestone for Lynk and its shareholders,” Mike Miskin, chairman and CEO of Lynk Labs, Inc., said in a press statement issued by the company. “This settlement validates the value and contribution made by Lynk and our intellectual property in the LED industry.”

Lynk was represented by a multi-office Haynes Boone team that included Chicago Partners Jim Shimota and Howard Levin; Chicago Associates Aaron Taggart, Braden Tilghman and Christian Hines; Dallas Associate [Michelle Jacobs](#) and Palo Alto Associate Nicole Johnson.

Acuity filed IPRs against two of the patents-in-suit. Dallas Partner [David McCombs](#), Richardson Partner [David O'Dell](#), Austin Partner [David O'Brien](#), Orange County Partner Tom King, and Austin Associate Raghav Bajaj contributed to top-shelf patent owner responses.

“It is extremely satisfying to have achieved this great result for Lynk,” Shimota said. “This was a real milestone for the startup, validating their valuable contributions to the lighting industry.”

The Haynes Boone team believes the settlement will help pave the way for successful actions against similarly situated companies and larger players in the lighting industry.