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By **Juan Felipe Acosta**, Member of the Trademark Committee at AIPF,
Partner -Director of Litigation and ADR at OlarteMoure

“The Andean Community has a general regime for industrial property matters through Decisions (Laws) 486 and 689. The norms establish different private actions: (i) oppositions; (ii) cancellations; (iii) nullity, annulment, or invalidation actions; (iv) revendication; (v) and infringement.”

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By **Blair Barbieri**, Partner, Hovey Williams

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By **Laurence Bourget-Merle, Isabelle Girard and Julien Fleurance** of ROBIC, LLP

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