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# CARDOZO LAW YESHIVA UNIVERSITY

Cardozo School of Law's Intellectual Property and Information Law Program and Intellectual Property Law Society present:

## Live Stream of the 9th Circuit Skidmore v. Led Zeppelin Oral Argument

## Monday, September 23, 2019 12:15 p.m.- 2:00 p.m.

Room 304 Cardozo School of Law 55 Fifth Avenue New York NY 10003

# **EP-ZEPEIN**

An en banc panel of 11 judges from the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco will hear Led Zeppelin's appeal in a copyright lawsuit alleging the group stole its 1971 rock epic "Stairway to Heaven" from an obscure 1960's song titled "Taurus".

In a 2016 trial, a jury found that "Stairway to Heaven" did not significantly resemble "Taurus".

Subsequently, a three-judge panel from the 9th Circuit ruled that the judge at the trial had failed to advise the jury properly, and ordered a new trial. The judges unanimously found that the trial judge was wrong to tell jurors that individual elements of a song such as its notes or scale may not qualify for copyright protection, because a combination of those elements may qualify if they are sufficiently original.

Led Zeppelin's lawyers appealed, and the court granted their request for the larger group of judges to rehear the case.

Cardozo Law Prof. Christopher Buccafusco, along with 19 other intellectual property scholars, wrote an amicus brief in the case.

Join Prof. Buccafusco for a discussion and live viewing of the widely anticipated case.

Lunch will be provided.

#### No registration is required.



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