

Lower Courts Sorting through “Place of Business”

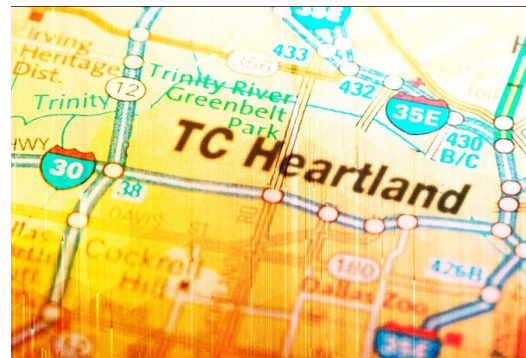
18 months after the TC Heartland decision “regular and established place of business” is still open to interpretation. Lower courts have begun shaping the standard on a jurisdiction-by-jurisdiction basis.

Read two recent venue cases that further shape TC Heartland and get practice guidance with venue rules below:

**Metuchen Pharms. LLC v.
Empower Pharms. LLC,
2018 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 187105**

**Seven Networks, LLC v. Google LLC,
2018 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 146375**

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The Supreme Court in [*TC Heartland v. Kraft Foods*](#) ruled patent suits must be filed where the defendant is incorporated or where it has a "regular and established place of business" and has committed acts of infringement. The ruling left open a number of questions, including what qualifies as a "place of business," leaving lower courts to sort through the aftermath. Some issues have been fleshed out in the meantime, and over the past few weeks a series of decisions have provided additional answers. [*Patent Venue Questions Persist 18 Months After TC Heartland, Law360, November 8, 2018.*](#)