

Subject: Small Claims Patent Court Comments

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To: ACUS Information, Kazia Nowacki

Administrative Conference (Ladies & Gentlemen):

I am an inventor and have been trying to build my business for over 20 years. I have been awarded 14 US patents and have an additional 5/6 more pending. I have intentions to apply for more patents in different areas that would support our energy systems, healthcare, and issues with fires that we see happening all over CA and other states including MA.

Our current system does not allow individuals like me to defend my patent rights and benefit from my intellectual property. Our system is so broken that even though I had gone through the proper channels of trying to license and/or co-develop with many companies they all refused and stated that they would only do so if I litigate. From the time I was a child I learned I was under the belief as a US Citizen born and raised, our patent system is to protect ALL inventors and not just the large oligopolies.

If I had known that our system could be manipulated by the larger corporations and laws protecting our patents changing based on the wants or manipulations of larger companies I would never have invented the technology that has allowed Google, Microsoft, Adobe, Samsung, Sony, IBM, Facebook and so many others to advance their technology.

My goal was to share with ALL people that includes companies by licensing/co-developing or hiring. I had dreams to employ as many people as possible and help those in need. Instead, my technology was stolen and worse, the laws allowed and continue to allow the overturning of patents that were rightfully awarded to the individual inventor.

Rather than a small claims court, there should be a small entity court that enables a small entity such as mine defend its patent rights, provide them an opportunity to build their products and or assist with licensing/co-development.

There needs to be a way that we can protect our intellectual property. It needs the due process of an Article III Court but must be faster, less expensive and allow us our due in court as the system was originally created and intended.

Thank you for your time.

Best,

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