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Decision Reached in Case that Challenged Patent Rulemaking Authority by USPTO

The Federal Circuit has reached a decision in *Tafas v. Doll*, which is a case that challenged the rulemaking authority of the USPTO, as the Silicon Valley IP Licensing Law Blog discussed in the following blog post linked below:

<http://www.siliconvalleyiplicensinglaw.com/decision-reached-in-case-that-challenged-patent-rulemaking-authority-by-uspto/>

Facebook Adopts Townhall Format to Allow Users to Comment and Vote on New

Statement of Rights and Responsibilities

Facebook has decided to obtain user input on the terms and conditions comprising its new statement of rights and responsibilities, as the Silicon Valley IP Licensing Law Blog reported in the following blog post:

<http://www.siliconvalleyiplicensinglaw.com/facebook-adopts-townhall-format-to-allow-users-to-comment-and-vote-on-new-statement-of-rights-and-responsibilities/>

Anticipating Likely Copyright Battle, Amazon Backs Down Over Kindle 2 Audio Feature

Is the Kindle 2 audiobook text-to-speech feature infringing book author copyrights? The Silicon Valley IP Licensing Law Blog explored the controversy and Amazon's attempt at resolving the issue in the following blog post:

<http://www.siliconvalleyiplicensinglaw.com/anticipating-likely-copyright-battle-amazon-backs-down-over-kindle-2-audio-feature/>