

# Supreme Court Decision Reached on Case Dealing with Patent Invalidity Defense to Induced Patent Infringement

The U.S. Supreme Court has issued an opinion in the case of *Commil USA v. Cisco Systems* finding that patent invalidity is no defense to a claim of induced infringement. The Court's decision is discussed in the following blog posting by the Silicon Valley IP Licensing Law Blog:

<http://www.siliconvalleyiplicensinglaw.com/supreme-court-rules-patent-invalidity-is-not-a-defense-to-induced-patent-infringement-claim-in-commil-usa-case-against-cisco-systems/>

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# Supreme Court Ruling on Who Bears the Burden of Proving Infringement in a Licensing Dispute

The Supreme Court has held that a patent owner has the burden of proving infringement when the licensee files a declaratory judgment action in a patent licensing dispute in the case of *Medtronic Inc. v. Mirowski Family Ventures, LLC*, as was further discussed by the Silicon Valley IP Licensing Law Blog in the following link:

<http://www.siliconvalleyiplicensinglaw.com/supreme-court-rules-that-patent-owner-bears/>

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## **What does Patent Reform Mean for Silicon Valley?**

The Silicon Valley IP Licensing Law Blog discussed the passage of the Patent Reform Bill and explored its significance to Silicon Valley in the following blog post link below:

<http://www.siliconvalleyiplicensinglaw.com/what-does-patent-reform-mean-for-silicon-valley-entrepreneurs/>

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## **Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals Issues Ruling Which Affirms Rights in an Exclusive License to Joint Intellectual Property**

The Silicon Valley IP Licensing Law Blog reported on the decision reached by the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals in the **Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation v. Xenon Pharmaceuticals**, Appeal No. 08-1351 (7th Cir. 2010), affirming the licensor's rights in an exclusive license to joint intellectual property in the following blog post:

<http://www.siliconvalleyiplicensinglaw.com/seventh-circuit-court-of-appeals-issues-ruling-which-affirms-rights-in-an-exclusive-license-to-joint-intellectual-property/>