

Intellectual Property Litigation Alert

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THE LIFE SCIENCES AND CHEMICAL ARTS

BIOTECHNOLOGY CASES

Case Name	Federal Circuit Holding	Affirmance/Reversal	Subject Matter
Applera Corp. v. Illumina, Inc., 375 Fed. Appx. 12 (Mar. 25, 2010)	Non-obvious	Affirmed	Methods of sequencing DNA
Amgen Inc. v. F. Hoffmann-La Roche, Ltd., 580 F.3d 1340 (Sept. 15, 2009)	Non-obvious (obviousness-type double patenting)	Affirmed	EPO production using recombinant DNA
Ecolab, Inc. v. FMC Corp., 569 F.3d 1335 (June 9, 2009)	Obvious	Reversed	Use of paracetic acid as sanitizer in beef and poultry

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Pharmastem Therapeutics, Inc. v. Viacell, Inc., 491 F.3d 1342 (July 9, 2007)	Obvious (2-1)	Reversed	Compositions and methods for treating persons with compromised blood and immune systems with hematopoietic stem cells
2 Holdings of Non-obviousness (50%)	2 Reversals (50)%)	
2 Holdings of Obviousness (50%)	2 Affirmances	(50%)	

MEDICAL DEVICE CASES

Case Name	Federal Circuit Holding	Affirmance/Reversal	Subject Matter
Bard Peripheral Vascular, Inc. v. W.L. Gore & Assocs., 670 F.3d 1171 (Feb. 10, 2012)	Non-obvious (2-1)	Affirmed	Prosthetic vascular grafts fabricated from ePTFE
Retractable Techs., Inc. v. Becton, Dickinson and Co., 653 F.3d 1296 (July 8, 2011)	Non-obvious	Affirmed	Retractable syringes
Spectralytics, Inc. v. Cordis Corp., 649 F.3d 1336 (June 13, 2011)	Non-obvious	Affirmed	Coronary stents

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Spine Solutions, Inc. v. Medtronic Sofamor Danek USA, Inc., 620 F.3d 1305 (Sept. 9, 2010)	Non-obvious	Affirmed	Intervertebral implants
Trimed, Inc. v. Stryker Corp., 608 F.3d 1333 (June 9, 2010)	Non-obvious	Reversed (remanded)	Implantable device to set bone fractures
Hearing Components, Inc. v. Shure Inc., 600 F.3d 1357 (Apr. 1, 2010)	Non-obvious	Affirmed	Hearing aid components
Pressure Prods. Med. Supplies v. Greatbatch Ltd., 599 F.3d 1308 (Mar. 24, 2010)	Non-obvious	Affirmed	Introducer for catheters
Therasense, Inc. v. Becton, Dickinson & Co., 593 F.3d 1289 (Jan. 25, 2010), reh'g en banc granted (Apr. 26, 2010)	Obvious	Affirmed	Glucose measuring device for diabetics
Therasense, Inc. v. Becton, Dickinson & Co., 593 F.3d 1325 (Jan. 25, 2010)	Obvious	Affirmed	Glucose measuring device for diabetics
Smith & Nephew, Inc. v. Arthrex, Inc., 355 Fed. Appx. 384 (Dec. 2, 2009)	Non-obvious	Affirmed	Method of placing and securing a suture anchor in bone
Fresenius USA, Inc. v. Baxter Int'l, Inc., 582 F.3d 1288 (Sept. 10, 2009)	Obvious	Reversed	Hemodialysis machine with

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			touchscreen interface
Cordis Corp. v. Boston Sci. Corp., 561 F.3d 1319 (Mar. 31, 2009)	Non-obvious	Affirmed	Intravascular stents
Kinetic Concepts, Inc. v. Blue Sky Med. Group, Inc., 554 F.3d 1010 (Feb. 2, 2009)	Non-obvious (2-1)	Affirmed	Reduced/negative pressure for wound healing
Boston Scientific Scimed, Inc. v. Cordis, Corp., 554 F.3d 982 (Jan. 15, 2009)	Obvious	Reversed	Intravascular stents
Lexion Med., LLC v. Northgate Techs., Inc., 292 Fed. Appx. 42 (Aug. 28, 2008)	Obvious	Affirmed	Method/apparatus for heating and humidifying gas used to inflate abdomen during laparoscopic surgery
Voda v. Cordis Corp., 536 F.3d 1311 (Aug. 18, 2008)	Non-obvious	Affirmed	Catheters
Ormco Corp. v. Align Tech., Inc., 498 F.3d 1307 (Aug. 24, 2007)	Obvious	Affirmed	Computer-aided design and manufacture of custom orthodontic appliances

 $11\ Holdings\ of\ Non-obviousness\ (64.7\%)$

3 Reversals (17.6%, 2 holding obvious)

6 Holdings of Obviousness (35.3%)

14 Affirmances (82.4%)

PHARMACEUTICAL CASES

Case Name	Federal Circuit Holding	Affirmance/Reversal	Subject Matter
Otsuka Pharm. Co. v. Sandoz, Inc., 2012 U.S. App. LEXIS 9248 (May 7, 2012)	Non-obvious	Affirmed	Aripiprazole (Abilify n®)
Eurand, Inc. v. Mylan Pharms., Inc., 2012 U.S. App. LEXIS 7571 (Apr. 16, 2012)	Non-obvious	Reversed	Modified-release dosage form of cyclobenzaprine hydrochloride and method of relieving muscle spasms with the formulation (Amrix®)
Aventis Pharma S.A. v. Hospira, Inc., 2012 U.S. App. LEXIS 7095 (Apr. 9, 2012)	Obvious	Affirmed	Preparations of docetaxel (Taxotere®)
Unigene Labs., Inc. v. Apotex, Inc., 655 F.3d 1352 (Aug. 25, 2011)	Non-obvious	Affirmed	Salmon calcitonin nasal spray (Fortical®)
Mitsubishi Chem. Corp. v. Barr Labs., Inc., 435 Fed. Appx. 927 (Aug. 2, 2011)	Non-obvious	Affirmed	Argatroban injection
Eli Lilly & Co. v. Actavis Elizabeth LLC, 435 Fed. Appx. 917 (July 29, 2011)	Non-obvious	Affirmed	Atomoxetine (Strattera®)

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Tyco Healthcare Group LP v. Mut. Pharm. Co., 642 F.3d 1370 (June 22, 2011)	Obvious	Affirmed	Temazepam formulations (Restoril®)
In re Brimonidine Patent Litig. v. Exela Pharmsci, 643 F.3d 1366 (May 19, 2011)	Non-obvious	Affirmed	Ophthalmic solution at physiologic pH and osmolality for glaucoma (Alphagan®)
Duramed Pharms., Inc. v. Watson Labs., Inc., 413 Fed. Appx. 289 (Mar. 25, 2011)	Obvious (remanded)	Reversed	Extended-cycle combined oral contraceptive regimen (Seasonique®)
Daiichi Sankyo Co., Ltd. v. Matrix Labs., Ltd., 619 F.3d 1346 (Sept. 9, 2010)	Non-obvious	Affirmed	Olmesartan medoxomil (Benicar®, Benicar HCT®, and Azor®)
Eli Lilly & Co. v. Teva Pharms. USA, Inc., 619 F.3d 1329 (Sept. 1, 2010)	Non-obvious	Affirmed	Raloxifene (Evista®)
King Pharms., Inc. v. Eon Labs., Inc., 616 F.3d 1267 (Aug. 2, 2010)	Obvious	Affirmed	Methods of administration of metaxalone (Skelaxin®)
Sun Pharm. Indus. v. Eli Lilly & Co., 611 F.3d 1381 (July 28, 2010)	Obvious (obviousness-type double patenting)	Affirmed	Method of using gemcitabine (Gemzar®) for treating cancer

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Purdue Pharma Prods. L.P. v. Par Pharm., Inc., 377 Fed. Appx. 978 (June 3, 2010)	Obvious	Affirmed	Controlled-release tramadol formations for daily dosing (Ultram® ER)
Boehringer Ingelheim Int'l GmbH v. Barr Labs., Inc., 592 F.3d 1340 (Jan. 25, 2010), reh'g en banc denied (May 7, 2010)	Non-obvious (2-1) (obviousness-type double patenting)	Reversed	Pramipexole (Mirapex®)
Ortho-Mcneil Pharm, Inc. v. Teva Pharms. Indus., Ltd., 344 Fed. Appx. 595 (Aug. 26, 2009)	Obvious	Affirmed	Combination tramadol and acetaminophen (Ultracet®)
Bayer Schering Pharma AG v. Barr Labs., Inc., 575 F.3d 1341 (Aug. 5, 2009)	Obvious (2-1)	Affirmed	Drospirenone formulation for oral contraception (Yasmin®)
Procter & Gamble Co. v. Teva Pharms. USA, Inc., 566 F.3d 989 (May 13, 2009)	Non-obvious	Affirmed	Risedronate (Actonel®)
Sanofi-Synthelabo v. Apotex, Inc., 550 F.3d 1075 (Dec. 12, 2008)	Non-obvious	Affirmed	Clopidogrel (Plavix®) – racemate separation
In re Omeprazole Patent Litig. v. Apotex Corp., 536 F.3d 1361 (Aug. 20, 2008)	Non-obvious	Affirmed	Omeprazole (Prilosec®)
Eisai Co. Ltd. v. Dr. Reddy's Labs., Ltd, 533 F.3d 1353 (July 21, 2008)	Non-obvious	Affirmed	Rabeprazole (Aciphex®)

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Daiichi Sankyo Co., Ltd. v. Apotex, Inc., 501 F.3d 1254 (July 11, 2008)	Obvious	Reversed	Method for treating bacterial ear infections with ofloxacin (Floxin®)
Ortho-McNeil Pharm., Inc. v. Mylan Labs., Inc., 520 F.3d 1358 (Mar. 31, 2008)	Non-obvious	Affirmed	Topiramate (Topamax®)
Pfizer, Inc. v. Teva Pharms. USA, Inc., 518 F.3d 1353 (Mar. 7, 2008)	Obvious (obviousness-type double patenting)	Reversed	Celecoxib (Celebrex®)
Aventis Pharma Deutschland GmbH v. Lupin, Ltd., 499 F.3d 1293 (Sept. 11, 2007)	Obvious	Reversed	Ramipril free of other isomers (Altace®)
Forest Labs., Inc. v. Ivax Pharms., Inc., 501 F.3d 1263 (Sept. 5, 2007)	Non-obvious	Affirmed	(+)-enantiomer of citalopram (Celexa®)
Metoprolol Succinate Patent Litig. v. KV Pharm. Co., 494 F.3d 1011 (July 23, 2007)	Obvious (2-1) (obviousness-type double patenting)	Affirmed	Metoprolol succinate (Toprol-XL®)
Takeda Chem. Indus. v. Alphapharm Pty., Ltd., 492 F.3d 1350 (June 28, 2007)	Non-obvious	Affirmed	Pioglitazone (Actos®)

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16 Holdings of Non-obviousness (57.1%) 12 Holdings of Obviousness (43.9%)		6 Reversals (27.3%, 4 l 22 Affirmances (72.6%	,
3 New Chemical Entity Obviousness Holdings (23.1%) 10 New Chemical Entity Non-Obviousness Holdings (76.9%)		3 NCE Reversals (23.1) 10 NCE Affirmances (7)	,
9 Non-NCE Holdings of Obviousness (60%) 6 Non-NCE Holdings of Obviousness (40%)			

CHEMICAL ARTS (NON-PHARMACEUTICAL) CASES

Case Name	Holding	Affirmance/Reversal	Subject Matter
Star Sci., Inc. v. R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., 655 F.3d 1364 (Aug. 26, 2011)	Non-obvious	Reversed	Tobacco curing method
Sud-Chemie, Inc. v. Multisorb Techs., 554 F.3d 1001 (Jan. 30, 2009)	Non-obvious	Reversed	Desiccant containers

ALL LIFE SCIENCES/CHEMICAL ARTS

31 Holdings of Non-obviousness (60.8%) 13 Reversals (25.5%, 8 holding obvious)

20 Holdings of Obviousness (39.2%) 38 Affirmances (74.5%)

COMPUTERS, SOFTWARE, INTERNET, AND ELECTRONICS CASES

COMPUTER/SOFTWARE/INTERNET CASES

Case Name	Holding	Affirmance/Reversal	Subject Matter
MySpace, Inc. v. Graphon Corp., 672 F.3d 1250 (Mar. 2, 2012)	Obvious	Affirmed	Method/apparatus to allow user to create, modify, and search for database records over a computer network
Hynix Semiconductor Inc. v. Rambus Inc., 645 F.3d 1336 (May 13, 2011)	Non-obvious	Affirmed	Features of computer dynamic random access memory ("DRAM")
Odom v. Microsoft Corp., 429 Fed. Appx. 967 (May 4, 2011)	Obvious	Affirmed	Method for manipulating groups of "tools" in "toolbars" in computer software applications
Katz Interactive Call Processing Patent Litig. v. Am. Airlines, Inc. (In re Katz Interactive Call Processing Patent Litig.), 639 F.3d 1303 (Feb. 18, 2011)	Obvious	Affirmed	Interactive call processing systems and call conferencing systems
Uniloc USA, Inc. v. Microsoft Corp., 632 F.3d 1292 (Jan. 4, 2011)	Obvious	Affirmed	Software registration system
Dow Jones & Co. v. Ablaise Ltd., 606 F.3d 1338 (May 28, 2010)	Obvious	Affirmed	Customized web pages based on signal info

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Verizon Servs. Corp. v. Cox Fibernet Va., Inc., 602 F.3d 1325 (Apr. 16, 2010)	Obvious	Affirmed	Packet-switched telephony
<i>i4i L.P. v. Microsoft Corp.</i> , 598 F.3d 831 (Mar. 10, 2010), reh'g en banc denied (Apr. 1, 2010)	Non-obvious	Affirmed	Method of editing custom computer language
Perfect Web Techs., Inc. v. InfoUSA, Inc., 587 F.3d 1324 (Dec. 2, 2009)	Obvious	Affirmed	E-mail methods
Lucent Techs. v. Gateway, Inc., 580 F.3d 1301 (Sept. 11, 2009)	Non-obvious	Affirmed	Method of entering information without using keyboard
z4 Techs., Inc. v. Microsoft Corp., 507 F.3d 1340 (Nov. 16, 2007)	Non-obvious	Affirmed	Antipiracy software
Verizon Servs. Corp. v. Vonage Holdings Corp., 503 F.3d 1295 (Sept. 26, 2007)	Non-obvious	Affirmed	Telephony-related methods

5 Holdings of Non-obviousness (41.7%)

0 Reversals (0%)

7 Holdings of Obviousness (58.3%)

12 Affirmances (100%)

ELECTRONIC ARTS CASES

Case Name	Holding	Affirmance/Reversal	Subject Matter
Mettler-Toledo, Inc. v. B-Tek Scales, LLC (B-Tek), 671 F.3d 1291 (Feb. 8, 2012)	Obvious	Affirmed	System/method for measuring weight of moveable objects on a scale
August Tech. Corp. v. Camtek, Ltd., 655 F.3d 1278 (Aug. 22, 2011)	Non-obvious	Affirmed	System/method for inspecting integrated circuits printed on substrates such as wafers
Mems Tech. Berhad v. ITC, 447 Fed. Appx. 142 (June 3, 2011)	Non-obvious	Affirmed	Microelectromechanical system ("MEMS") microphone packages
Vizio, Inc. v. ITC, 605 F.3d 1330 (May 26, 2010)	Non-obvious	Affirmed	Digital television technology/MPEG
Honeywell Int'l, Inc. v. United States, 609 F.3d 1292 (May 25, 2010)	Non-obvious	Reversed	Passive night vision goggles/optics
Power-One, Inc. v. Artesyn Techs., Inc., 599 F.3d 1343 (Mar. 30, 2010)	Non-obvious	Affirmed	Point-of-load power regulators
Siemens AG v. Seagate Tech., 369 Fed. Appx. 118 (Mar. 9, 2010)	Obvious	Affirmed	Magnetoresistive sensors
Monolithic Power Sys. v. O2 Micro Int'l Ltd., 558 F.3d 1341 (Mar. 5, 2009)	Obvious	Affirmed	Power inverter circuitry for laptop computers

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Asyst Techs., Inc. v. Emtrak, Inc., 544 F.3d 1310 (Oct. 10, 2008)	Obvious	Affirmed	System for tracking articles
Scanner Techs. Corp. v. Icos Vision Sys. Corp. N.V., 528 F.3d 1365 (June 19, 2008)	Obvious	Affirmed	Processes to inspect electronic components
Black & Decker, Inc. v. Robert Bosch Tool Corp., 260 Fed. Appx. 284 (Jan. 7, 2008)	Non-obvious	Affirmed	Combination of a radio and a battery charger

6 Holdings of Non-obviousness (54.5%)

1 Reversal (9.1%)

5 Holdings of Obviousness (45.5%)

10 Affirmances (90.9%)

ALL COMPUTER/SOFTWARE/INTERNET/ELECTRONIC ARTS

11 Holdings of Non-obviousness (47.8%)

1 Reversal (4.3%)

12 Holdings of Obviousness (52.2%)

22 Affirmances (95.7%)

MECHANICAL ARTS AND MISCELLANEOUS CASES

MECHANICAL ARTS CASES

Case Name	Holding	Affirmance/Reversal	Subject Matter
Stone Strong, LLC v. Del Zotto Prods. of Fla., 2011 U.S. App. LEXIS 21016 (Oct. 17, 2011)	Obvious	Reversed	Pre-cast concrete blocks and system/method for making pre-cast concrete blocks for use in constructing retaining walls
Mytee Prods. v. Harris Research, Inc., 439 Fed. Appx. 882 (Sept. 2, 2011)	Non-obvious	Affirmed	Vacuum head attachments
Cimline, Inc. v. Crafco, Inc., 413 Fed. Appx. 240 (Mar. 2, 2011)	Obvious	Reversed	Sealant melters
Tokai Corp. v. Easton Enters., 632 F.3d 1358 (Jan. 31, 2011), reh'g en banc denied (Apr. 1, 2011)	Obvious (2-1)	Affirmed	Safety utility lighters with extended lighting rods
Lucky Litter LLC v. ITC, 403 Fed. Appx. 490 (Oct. 6, 2010)	Obvious	Reversed	Self-cleaning cat litter box
Geo M. Martin Co. v. Alliance Mach. Sys. Int'l LLC, 618 F.3d 1294 (Aug. 20, 2010)	Obvious	Affirmed	Bundle breaker with compliance structures

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Transocean Offshore Deepwater Drilling, Inc. v. Maersk Contrs. USA, Inc., 617 F.3d 1296 (Aug. 18, 2010)	Non-obvious	Reversed (remanded)	Apparatus for conducting offshore drilling
Wyers v. Master Lock Co., 616 F.3d 1231 (July 22, 2010)	Obvious	Reversed	Hitch pin locks to secure trailers to automobiles
Rolls-Royce, PLC v. United Techs. Corp., 603 F.3d 1325 (May 5, 2010)	Non-obvious	Affirmed	Swept fan blades for turbofan jet engine
B-K Lighting, Inc. v. Fresno Valves & Castings, Inc., 2010 U.S. App. LEXIS 8770 (Apr. 28, 2010)	Obvious	Affirmed	Adjustable mount for sealed light fixtures
Alloc, Inc. v. Pergo, Inc., 366 Fed. Appx. 173 (Feb. 18, 2010)	Obvious	Affirmed	Mechanical joints for flooring panels
Gemtron Corp. v. Saint-Gobain Corp., 572 F.3d 1371 (July 20, 2009)	Non-obvious	Affirmed	Refrigerator shelves
Sundance, Inc. v. Demonte Fabricating Ltd., 550 F.3d 1356 (Dec. 24, 2008)	Obvious	Reversed	Retractable segmented covering systems
Frazier v. Layne Christensen Co., 239 Fed. Appx. 604 (June 29, 2007)	Obvious	Affirmed	Method for improved water well production

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4 Holdings of Non-obviousness (28.6%)	6 Reversals (4	2.9%, 5 holding obvious	s)
10 Holdings of Obviousness (71.4%)	8 Affirmances (57.1%)		

MISCELLANEOUS CASES

Case Name	Holding	Affirmance/Reversal	Subject Matter
Stamps.com Inc. v. Endicia, Inc., 437 Fed. Appx. 897 (June 15, 2011)	Obvious	Affirmed	Postage stamp related methods
Innovention Toys, LLC v. MGA Entm't, Inc., 637 F.3d 1314 (Mar. 21, 2011)	Obvious (remanded)	Reversed	Light-reflecting board game
Western Union Co. v. MoneyGram Payment Sys., 626 F.3d 1361 (Dec. 7, 2010)	Obvious	Reversed	Methods of sending money through a financial services institution
Media Techs. Licensing, LLC v. Upper Deck Co., 596 F.3d 1334 (Mar. 1, 2010)	Obvious (2-1)	Affirmed	Sports memorabilia card
Crocs, Inc. v. ITC, 598 F.3d 1294 (Feb. 24, 2010)	Non-obvious	Reversed	Breathable footwear pieces

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Ritchie v. Vast Res., Inc., 563 F.3d 1334 (Apr. 24, 2009)	Obvious	Reversed	Borosilicate rods
Rothman v. Target Corp., 556 F.3d 1310 (Feb. 13, 2009)	Obvious	Affirmed	Nursing garment with invisible breast support for nursing mothers
Ball Aerosol & Specialty Container, Inc. v. Ltd. Brands, Inc., 555 F.3d 984 (Feb. 9, 2009)	Obvious	Reversed	Candles
Leggett & Platt, Inc. v. VUTEk, Inc., 537 F.3d 1349 (Aug. 21, 2008)	Obvious	Affirmed	Method and apparatus for printing ink on a rigid, deformable substrate
Muniauction, Inc. v. Thomson Corp., 532 F.3d 1318 (July 14, 2008)	Obvious	Reversed	Electronic (business) methods for conducting original issuer auctions of financial instruments
Agrizap, Inc. v. Woodstream Corp., 520 F.3d 1337 (Mar. 28, 2008)	Obvious	Reversed	Method and apparatus for electrocuting pests

1 Holding of Non-obviousness (9.1%)

7 Reversals (63.6%, 6 holding obvious)

10 Holdings of Obviousness (90.9%)

4 Affirmances (36.4%)

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5 Holdings of Non-obviousness (20%) 13 Reversals (52%, 11 holding obvious)

20 Holdings of Obviousness (80%) 12 Affirmances (48%)

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