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Antitrust/Patent Litigation: *In the Matter of Rambus Incorporated*

On February 16, 2004, after the longest trial in the history of the Federal Trade Commission (9 weeks), Chief Administrative Law Judge Stephen J. McGuire issued an Initial Decision dismissing the Commission's complaint against Rambus Incorporated in its entirety. The 334-page Initial Decision agreed with Rambus on almost every issue.

The Commission had alleged that Rambus -- a small California technology company that invented the predominant means by which computer memory runs at high speeds -- illegally monopolized computer chip technology markets through its participation in industry standard setting. The FTC sought to prohibit Rambus from collecting royalties, which the Commission estimated at billions of dollars, on its most valuable patents.

Wilmer Cutler Pickering LLP -- who with co-counsel Munger Tolles & Olson have represented Rambus in this matter for two years -- handled the antitrust and other legal aspects of the trial, as well as the foundational economic expert testimony and the discovery relating to standard-setting processes.