

WilmerHale Secures Major Victory for AGCO in Patent Fight

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On January 24, 2025, a WilmerHale team led by [Michael Summersgill](#) secured another important victory for AGCO Corporation and Precision Planting LLC (together, “AGCO”) when the Federal Circuit denied Deere & Company’s appeal of a jury finding that AGCO’s seed-delivery products do not infringe Deere’s patents.

In 2018, Deere sued AGCO, alleging that AGCO’s SpeedTube and vSet2 products infringed a dozen Deere patents related to high-speed seed planting technology; Deere sought hundreds of millions of dollars in alleged damages, as well as injunctive relief. In July 2022, following a four-day trial before Chief Judge Connolly of the District of Delaware, WilmerHale secured a win for AGCO when—after less than two hours of deliberations—the jury conclusively rejected Deere’s infringement allegations. Chief Judge Connolly dismissed Deere’s post-trial arguments in a thorough, 65-page decision.

On appeal, Circuit Judges Prost, Taranto and Chen ruled across-the-board in AGCO’s favor, concluding that “AGCO presented ample evidence” to support the jury’s non-infringement verdict, and rejecting each of Deere’s appellate arguments. This ruling marks a significant win for AGCO, reinforcing its position in the agricultural technology market and validating their innovative approach to seed planting technology.

The WilmerHale team representing AGCO included [Michael Summersgill](#), [Arthur Coviello](#), [Richard O’Neill](#), [Jordan Hirsch](#), [Heath Brooks](#), [Harry Hanson](#) and [Myles McDonagh](#).