



Conservatives
for
Property Rights

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Statement Regarding the Ninth Circuit's Ruling in FTC v. Qualcomm

(Washington, D.C.) — The following statement, regarding the Ninth Circuit's reversal of the district court's ruling for the Federal Trade Commission involving patent licensing, may be attributed to James Edwards, Executive Director, Conservatives for Property Rights:

"The Ninth Circuit's reversal of the FTC and the district court is not only a victory for Qualcomm, which deserved to win, but also for IP exclusivity generally, property rights, American innovation and patent exclusivity for SEPs (standard-essential patents).

"The outgoing Obama FTC's hubris in filing this highly questionable lawsuit and the lack of accountability by an agency unused to losing enforcement actions have caused Qualcomm to have to devote significant resources on litigation to defend the industry-standard no license-no chips practice. Heads should roll among otherwise unaccountable bureaucrats.

"This disreputable injustice has come at a time when Qualcomm's unique role as the American leader in foundational 5G wireless has far-reaching consequences, for America and for the world. The FTC lawsuit has threatened U.S. national security, our technical innovation edge and the economic strength of a California startup that did well and continues to lead globally.

"After the federal district court came down cheerleading for the FTC, the Ninth Circuit panel's display of good law and sound judgment gives Qualcomm a much-needed walkoff win in extra innings. America should rejoice at this prudent securing of private property rights for some of the most valuable patented inventions on the planet."

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About Conservatives for Property Rights:

Conservatives for Property Rights is a coalition of conservative organizations that stand for private property rights for all forms of property. CPR believes property rights are divinely endowed to human beings on account of their humanity, and private property is essential to the functioning of free enterprise, investing one's resources in discovery and creativity, and the exercise of ordered liberty.