



Conservatives
for
Property Rights

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Statement Regarding the Ninth Circuit's Declining to Review its FTC v. Qualcomm Ruling

The following statement, regarding the Ninth Circuit's denial of the FTC's request for review of its August ruling for Qualcomm, may be attributed to James Edwards, Executive Director, Conservatives for Property Rights:

"The Ninth Circuit's refusal to grant the Federal Trade Commission en banc review of that court's ruling in favor of Qualcomm appropriately lets stand a unanimous appellate decision that respects dynamic competition involving IP. This should close once and for all a dangerous, misguided application of antitrust against innovators exercising their patent rights.

"The appeals court's three-judge panel had closely weighed the case, gave the district court's questionable ruling de novo review, and came to the most reasonable, prudent, best conclusion based on the law and the facts. That crucial reversal is securely based on and protects private property rights.

"This welcome outcome assures Qualcomm's unique role as America's leader in foundational 5G wireless R&D and technology. Thanks to the Ninth Circuit's action today, other inventors may confidently exercise their patent exclusivity, create new markets, launch new products and enable implementers to build on new foundational technologies."

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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.