Quanta Computer v. LG Electronics
IP License Strategies After Supreme Court's Unanimous Ruling on Patent Exhaustion

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On June 9, in Quanta Computer Inc. v. LG Electronics Inc., the U.S. Supreme Court one again reversed the Federal Circuit on an issue involving patent owners' rights, continuing the Court's recent inclination toward limiting the scope of patent rights.

The Court's ruling rejected the Federal Circuit's departure from the doctrine of patent exhaustion enunciated almost 150 years ago: that the authorized sale or disposition of a patented article exhausts a patent owner's right to that article and such exhaustion cannot be "contracted around."

The Court further reversed the Federal Circuit in ruling that the patent exhaustion doctrine does apply to method claims. The Court also discussed "reasonable use" of a patented product and "essential features" of a patent claim, both highly relevant issues in exhaustion arguments.

This teleconference will examine the law of patent exhaustion, analyze the Court's ruling, including the likely impact on future IP licensing agreements. The program will also provide perspective on how IP owners and licensors can protect their rights through patent, as well as contract, law.

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