

Susman Godfrey LLP Wins \$27.5 Million Verdict in Patent Infringement Suit Against AT&T Inc.

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Susman Godfrey LLP won a \$27.5 million verdict yesterday on behalf of its client, Two-Way Media LLC, in a patent infringement suit in San Antonio against AT&T Inc. related to the streaming of audio and video content over the Internet.

"This was a very hard-fought case, and we are thrilled that the jury agreed with our argument that AT&T's digital TV service, 'U-verse TV,' infringes the patents held by Two-Way Media," said lead counsel Parker Folse, a partner in the Seattle office of Susman Godfrey LLP.

Two-Way Media owns patents related to live streaming and recordkeeping technology that is used for broadcasting audio and video over the Internet. In April 2008, the company sued AT&T Inc., Akamai Technologies, Inc., and Limelight Networks, Inc. for infringing three of those patents. Akamai and Limelight previously settled with Two-Way Media in this matter.

The three patents concern various methods for controlling the routing of real-time streams of audio and/or video information over communications networks, and for recording detailed usage data by consumers. The jury agreed with Two-Way Media's position that AT&T's digital U-verse TV services were covered by Two-Way Media's patents.

Two-Way Media was represented by Parker Folse and by Max Tribble, Jr., a partner in the firm's Houston office, along with Susman Godfrey partners Rachel Black and Ian Crosby from the firm's Seattle office.

The case is Two-Way Media LLC vs. AT&T Inc. Et. Al. in the U.S. District Court Western District of Texas No. 09-CV-00476-OLG.