

David O'Brien, Andrew Ehmke and Hong Shi in Law360: 'PTAB Mostly Hands Win to Apple, Samsung Over Camera IP'

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Haynes Boone was mentioned in a *Law360* article about Apple and Samsung scoring a victory in a patent fight involving multi-aperture (e.g., dual lens) camera systems used in the companies' flagship smartphones products.

The Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) struck down key claims of a patent filed in 1999 and issued in 2003 that described digital cameras using multiple image sensors with multiple lenses in the case of *Apple Inc. et al. v. Yu et al.*, IPR2019-01258.

Apple is represented by Haynes Boone attorneys [David O'Brien](#), [Andrew Ehmke](#) and [Hong Shi](#). The team challenged the patent in June of 2019, and Ms. Shi recently argued the case before a panel of the PTAB. Samsung had filed a joinder petition and was joined as party to the Apple proceeding.

Below is an excerpt:

In a final written decision issued Tuesday, the PTAB found that four of five claims in Yanbin Yu and Zhongxuan Zhang's multi-sensor, multi-lens digital camera patent were invalid for being obvious over a combination of previous inventions.

Specifically, the board found that a 1998 European patent application known as Weldy, which taught a way to produce a digital image, along with other earlier prior art references rendered the four claims obvious.

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