

## Kenneth Parker Law360: The Biggest Patent Cases Of 2016

---

December 7, 2016

---

**PRACTICES** Intellectual Property Litigation, AI and Technology, Patent Office Trials, Intellectual Property, Litigation

---

The U.S. Supreme Court revamped the law on enhanced damages, the Federal Circuit provided a lifeline for software patent owners struggling with eligibility challenges, and courts grappled with new pleading standards for patent cases. Here's a roundup of the biggest patent rulings of 2016 and their implications for patent law ...

The Supreme Court reshaped a key aspect of patent law in this June decision (*Halo Electronics Inc. v. Pulse Electronics Inc.*) by relaxing the standard for proving willful infringement and making it easier for patent owners to recover enhanced damages.

After a string of recent decisions by the high court that invalidated patents or were otherwise viewed as limiting patent rights, the Halo ruling has been embraced by patent owners as a shift in the law that has strengthened their hand.

"Halo is by far the most important case of the year," Kenneth Parker of Haynes Boone LLP, who added that "in the trenches in district court, it's really changing the dynamic of cases."

***Excerpted from Law360. To read the full article, please [click here](#) (subscription required).***