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**Woodcock Washburn Achieves Favorable Ruling for Microsoft in
Patent Reexamination Proceeding**

Philadelphia – Woodcock Washburn achieved a favorable ruling for Microsoft in a patent reexamination proceeding. Michael Rackman sued Microsoft for infringement of U.S. Patent No. 4,670,857 in the Eastern District of New York. Woodcock Washburn filed a request for reexamination of the patent in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on the basis that the claims were obvious. The litigation was stayed pending the outcome of the reexamination proceeding. The U.S. Patent Office rejected all the claims of the patent and determined that they were not patentable. Rackman appealed to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences who affirmed the Examiner's rejection. On November 4, 2009 and after an oral argument before Judges Bryson, Prost, and Moore, the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit summarily affirmed the ruling of the Board of Patent Appeals.

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