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McKool Smith wins \$85 million from Apple

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After three hours of deliberation Friday, a federal jury in San Diego awarded Canadian technology and patent licensing company WiLAN, represented by McKool Smith, more than \$85 million in damages from Apple Inc. for infringing two voice-over-LTE wireless patents.

In August 2018, the jury in the same court sided with WiLAN, awarding \$145 million in damages. However, after that verdict, U.S. District Judge Dana M. Sabraw told WiLAN it could either walk away with \$10 million or enter into a retrial to determine the award of damages.

WiLAN elected to retry the award.

"This was an important trial to determine the jury's award of damages for the infringement of WiLAN's novel wireless patents," Mike McKool, chairman of McKool Smith said in a statement. "The jury worked hard to weigh the evidence in this case, and our client is very pleased with the verdict."

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Apple Inc. v. WI-LAN Inc., 4-CV02235 (S.D. Cal., filed Sept. 9, 2014)