

Samsung Owes Mojo \$192 Million in Wireless Tech Patent Suit

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- Samsung infringed patents, jury says
- Lawsuit resulted from failed partnership

Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd. and its American unit owe Mojo Mobility Inc. \$192.14 million for willfully infringing wireless charging patents by placing similar technology into its Galaxy smartphone product line, a federal jury determined Friday.

Samsung infringed US Patent Nos. 9,577,440; 11,201,500; 11,316,371; 11,462,942 and 11,342,777, which concern methods for wirelessly charging mobile devices, according to a verdict in the US District Court for the Eastern District of Texas. Samsung didn't prove the patents were invalid, according to the jury.

Steve Pollinger and Jennifer Truelove of McKool Smith, counsel for Mojo, said Mojo's inventor was able to share his story during the trial and believes the jury validated his years of hard work.

"They were able to reach what we believe was the right conclusion on the facts of the law," Pollinger said.

- Mojo filed an October 2022 lawsuit against Samsung, accusing it of expressing interest in Mojo's wireless charging technology and requesting prototypes but ultimately not licensing the technology.
- The patent owner said Samsung invited its inventor to its Korean headquarters multiple times at Mojo's expense in 2013 for meetings regarding a potential investment and business partnership.
- Samsung requested Mojo work with the company and its suppliers on an accelerated program and pay to place its technology into Samsung's products, according to the complaint.
- Samsung challenged Mojo's patents before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board, but the tribunal decided to only review challenges related to a patent no longer in the litigation. Magistrate Judge Roy Payne refused to stay the litigation in February.

Samsung didn't immediately respond to a request for comment.

McKool Smith represents Mojo. Paul Hastings LLP and Gilliam & Smith LLP represent Samsung.

The case is Mojo Mobility Inc v. Samsung Electronics Co. , E.D. Tex., No. 2:22-cv-00398, verdict entered 9/13/24.