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SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

QUALCOMM INCORPORATED,

Plaintiff,

v.

APPLE INC.,

Defendant.

AND RELATED COUNTERCLAIMS.

Case No. 3:17-CV-1375-DMS-MDD

DEFENDANT AND COUNTERCLAIM PLAINTIFF APPLE INC.'S OPENING CLAIM CONSTRUCTION BRIEF

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I. INTRODUCTION

Proper claim construction begins with the plain meaning of terms informed by the intrinsic evidence. *Phillips v. AWH Corp.*, 415 F.3d 1303, 1314-15 (Fed. Cir. 2005). For this reason, a usage consistent with and supported by the specification and the embodiments within a patent is almost always the proper construction. *Id.* at 1316. Deviations from the specification are unusual and justified by only an unmistakably clear disclaimer. *GE Lighting Solutions, LLC v. AgiLight, Inc.*, 750 F.3d 1304, 1309 (Fed. Cir. 2014). Qualcomm nonetheless repeatedly violates these elementary tenets. Qualcomm artificially restricts the claimed inventions by adding limitations that do not exist, relying on cherry-picked specification quotes that Qualcomm misapplies to contradict the complete teachings of the patents—sometimes embodiments described in the very next sentence. Qualcomm also conjures indefiniteness arguments for nearly every asserted claim—arguments that deny the plain language of the claims, deviate from the written description, and disregard the knowledge of one of skill in the art.

For these reasons, Qualcomm's constructions should be rejected. Apple's constructions, on the other hand, find solid support in the law and fit with the plain meaning of the disputed terms and the intrinsic and extrinsic evidence.

II. LEGAL STANDARDS FOR CLAIM CONSTRUCTION

"It is a 'bedrock principle' of patent law that 'the claims of a patent define the invention to which the patentee is entitled the right to exclude,'" and as such claim construction must focus on the claim language itself. *Phillips*, 415 F.3d at 1312. The construction "that stays true to the claim language and most naturally aligns with the patent's description of the invention will be, in the end the correct construction." *Id.* at 1316. Claim terms "are generally given their ordinary and customary meaning" as understood by the skilled artisan at the time of the invention. *Id.* at 1313. "There are only two exceptions to this general rule: 1) when a patentee sets out a definition and acts as his own lexicographer; or 2) when the patentee disavows the full scope of a claim term either in the specification or during prosecution." *Thorner v. Sony Computer Entm't Am.*

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