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Shout-Out: Fenwick's Sizzling Summer

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Fenwick & West litigators are hot—and not because it's July. Firm lawyers have racked up a series of back-to-back wins since the summer solstice, most recently on behalf of Amazon before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit in a patent suit by Innovation Sciences.

Litigators Dave Hadden, Saina Shamilov, Todd Gregorian and Ravi Ranganath last week convinced the appellate panel to find one patent related to online payments was invalid, and to affirm that Amazon did not infringe another patent.

In late June, Fenwick partners Bryan Kohm and Mike Sacksteder and associate Shannon Turner (along with co-counsel from The Dacus Firm) beat back allegations that their client, semiconductor designer CNEX Labs Inc., stole trade secrets from Huawei Technologies. A federal jury in Texas also sided with CNEX in its counterclaim, though it declined to award damages.

On the same day—June 26—Fenwick's litigation chair Jed Wakefield and partners Bobby Counihan and Pat Premo and associates Jeff Ware and Catherine McCord, plus Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr's Regina Rodriguez, scored for Eli Lilly and Co. subsidiary Loxo. A federal judge in Colorado refused to issue a pretrial injunction



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based on trade secret theft allegations by Array BioPharma.

Two days before that, the Federal Circuit handed a win to Fenwick's Jim Trainor, Kevin McGann, Adam Gahtan and Bobby Counihan and co-counsel Jack Blumenfeld of Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnel on behalf of UCB. The appellate panel affirmed the district court's finding that defendant Watson Labs infringed UCB's patent covering Neupro, a patch used to treat Parkinson's disease.

And let's not forget cherry on top: a Fenwick team—"F.U.C.T. (Fenwick Underwrites Cyberlaw Trivia)"—won the Electronic Frontier Foundation's 12th Annual CyberLaw Trivia Night on June 27, beating out more than 100 participants from Bay Area law firms and tech companies.