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## **\$1.5B Jury Award Against Microsoft Rejected; Justification for Controversial Patent Reform Called into Question**

**Proponents of sweeping patent reform legislation complain that current law is outdated and leads to uncontrolled run-away jury verdicts in patent cases. Earlier this week, as predicted by many, a U.S. district court overturned a jury verdict and found that there was insufficient evidence to support a \$1.5 billion damages verdict judgment against Microsoft.**

**Microsoft's general counsel stated, "Today's ruling...Is a triumph for common sense in the patent system." -Wall Street Journal, August 7, 2007**

The FACT is, existing patent law IS based upon common sense and it DOES work. Existing law provides courts with the right amount of flexibility in determining proper damage awards.

The most controversial components of the Patent Reform Act of 2007 -- especially those that arbitrarily reduce damages for patent infringement -- are a threat to American innovation, and as the court demonstrated this week, unnecessary.



**Patent Reform:  
America Can't Afford to Get It Wrong**

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