

**UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20436**

**In the Matter of**

**CERTAIN PERSONAL DATA AND MOBILE  
COMMUNICATIONS DEVICES AND  
RELATED SOFTWARE**

**Investigation No. 337-TA-710**

**NOTICE OF COMMISSION DECISION TO  
RELIEVE COMPLAINANTS AND THE LAW FIRM  
ADDUCI, MASTRIANI & SCHAUMBERG  
FROM A DISQUALIFICATION ORDER**

**AGENCY:** U.S. International Trade Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission has determined to relieve complainants and the law firm Adduci, Mastriani & Schaumberg (“the Adduci firm”) from the presiding administrative law judge’s (“ALJ”) order (Order No. 10) disqualifying the Adduci firm from representing the complainants in this investigation.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sidney A. Rosenzweig, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone (202) 708-2532. Copies of non-confidential documents filed in connection with this investigation are or will be available for inspection during official business hours (8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.) in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone (202) 205-2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server at <http://www.usitc.gov>. The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at <http://edis.usitc.gov>. Hearing-impaired persons are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission’s TDD terminal on (202) 205-1810.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Commission instituted this investigation on April 6, 2010, based on a complaint filed by Apple Inc., and its subsidiary NeXT Software, Inc., both of Cupertino, California (collectively “Apple”), alleging a violation of section 337 in the importation, sale for importation, and sale within the United States after importation of certain personal data and mobile communications devices and related software. *75 Fed. Reg.* 17434 (Apr. 6, 2010). The complaint named as respondents High Tech Computer Corp. of Taiwan and its United States subsidiaries HTC America Inc. of Bellevue, Washington, and Exedia, Inc. of Houston, Texas (collectively “HTC”). Five of the ten patents originally asserted by Apple in this investigation were earlier asserted by Apple against Nokia Corp. of Finland and Nokia Inc. of White Plains, New York (collectively “Nokia”) in Investigation No. 337-TA-704. On motion by

the Commission investigative attorney and by the respondents in both investigations, the Chief ALJ transferred Apple's assertion of overlapping patents against Nokia from the 704 investigation into the 710 investigation. See Inv. No. 337-TA-704, Order No. 5 (Apr. 26, 2010).

At the time of the partial consolidation of the 704 and 710 investigations, Apple was represented by, among other counsel, the Adduci firm. The Adduci firm, however, had represented Nokia in previous Commission Investigation No. 337-TA-578. Nokia, now a respondent in the 710 investigation, moved to disqualify the Adduci firm on the basis of that prior representation, and on June 10, 2010, the ALJ granted Nokia's motion (Order No. 10).

On June 13, 2011, Apple and Nokia settled their patent disputes, and on June 16, 2011, they jointly moved to terminate the investigation as to Nokia on the basis of the parties' agreements. On July 21, 2011, the Commission determined not to review the ALJ's initial determination terminating Nokia from the investigation. Consequently, the basis for the Adduci firm's disqualification no longer exists.

On July 25, 2011, Apple and the Adduci firm sought relief from the disqualification order. The other parties – HTC, Nokia, and the Commission investigative attorney – do not oppose the request.

The Commission has determined to relieve Apple and the Adduci firm from Order No. 10.

The authority for the Commission's determination is contained in section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. § 1337), and in sections 210.15, 210.21 and 210.42-.46 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 C.F.R. §§ 210.15, 210.21, 210.42-.46).

By order of the Commission.

/s/

James R. Holbein  
Secretary to the Commission

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