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Cooley wins attorney fees for client Qualcomm against legal foe

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A federal judge ordered a San Francisco-based technology company to pay \$12.4 million in attorney fees to Qualcomm Inc. on grounds that its claims were frivolous. In an order issued Friday, U.S. District Judge Anthony J. Battaglia concluded that Gabriel Technologies Inc. initiated its five-year-long court battle

with Qualcomm in bad faith, claiming that the defendant had filched its patented GPS technology. The ruling, a victory for Qualcomm's San Diego- and Palo Alto-based attorneys at Cooley LLP, included a \$64,316 sanction against Gabriel's Mountain View-based counsel at Wang Hartmann Gibbs & Cauley LLP, which should have reevaluated its role after finding holes in the plaintiff's case, the judge said.

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