



District Court Holds “Hypothesis Testing” Patents Invalid Under Alice

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The district court found that the “method of applying hypothesis testing to a data set” in each of the patents at issue was an abstract concept, analogizing it to the patentineligible mathematical calculations and business processes in *Parker v. Flook*, 437 U.S. 584 (1978) and *Bilski v. Kappos*, 561 U.S. 593 (2010). The court then found that the claim language merely recited “wellknown, conventional activities” such as obtaining information from a user, selecting an appropriate test to apply to a data set, applying the test, interpreting the results, and displaying a summary of the results. These activities were not sufficiently inventive to make the patent claim more than a broad claim to the concept of automatic hypothesis testing.

Minitab, Inc. v. EngineRoom, LLC, No. 4:12cv2170 (M.D. Pa. Feb. 3, 2015).

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