



## California Court Invalidates Two Patents under Alice

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U.S. Patent No. 6,148,081 is generally directed to controlling interactive television access to media content. U.S. Patent No. 7,644,429 is generally directed to conditional access to payper-view and broadcast television programs based on user information. The Court stated that “[t]he practice of controlling access to information by verifying credentials (via wellknown encryption methods) is neither novel nor specific to interactive television systems” and that “[g]ranting access to a product (payperview programming for example) after confirming that the user has paid for the product and provided certain productspecific information has been a wellknown practice in the cable industry for decades.” The Court went on to say that both patents require nothing more than a general purpose computer with wellknown components. The Court held that both patents at issue are directed to abstract ideas and are invalid.

*OpenTV, Inc. et al v. Apple Inc.*, No. 5:15cv02008 (N.D. Cal. Jan. 28, 2016) (Davila, E.).

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