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PTAB Rules in Favor of Hamamatsu Corporation Over Harvard Patent

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PHILADELPHIA (December 2017) - Panitch Schwarze Belisario & Nadel LLP is pleased to announce that the United States Patent and Trademark Office's Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) has ruled in favor of its client, Hamamatsu Corporation. The decision found that many of the claims of U.S. Patent No. 7,884,446 (Patent '446) were unpatentable. The patent in question is owned by the Presidents and Fellows of Harvard College and was asserted by Harvard et al. in a parallel litigation in the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts. (1:2015-cv-13488) [John D. Simmons](#), [Stephen E. Murray](#), and [Keith A. Jones](#), all attorneys with Panitch Schwarze Belisario & Nadel LLP were involved in the proceeding before the PTAB.

About Hamamatsu Photonics KK and Hamamatsu Corporation

Hamamatsu Photonics K.K. ("HPK") was founded in 1953 by a group of engineers who had been trained by Dr. Kenjiro Takayanagi, a pioneer in the development of television. With more than 60 years of scientific research in optics, the company is a global leader in the development of optical technologies including photomultiplier tubes, imaging tubes, light sources, opto-semiconductors, video measuring systems and image processing systems. Headquartered in Hamamatsu City, Japan, the company has facilities and offices throughout Asia, Europe, Africa and the Americas. Hamamatsu Corporation is HPK's U.S. sales subsidiary.

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