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Banner & Witcoff Wins Appeal On \$1 Million Jury Verdict

Washington, D.C. December 20, 2001 - The intellectual property law firm of Banner & Witcoff, Ltd., today announced that the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit has upheld a patent infringement jury verdict of \$1 million on behalf of its client, Interactive Pictures Corporation (IPIX).

This is one of the first cases in which patent infringement has been proved for a product that was distributed and used on the Internet. IPIX sued Infinite Pictures, Inc. for infringing a revolutionary patent covering a technique for converting photographic images taken with a "fish eye" lens into a corrected perspective view, allowing a user to "virtually" move around an image.

Numerous e-commerce companies including real estate and travel businesses are using the revolutionary technology to produce full 360-degree virtual tours of houses and other objects that can be interactively viewed over the Internet. The U.S. Court of Appeals agreed with IPIX's arguments, finding that the patent was infringed and awarding damages. Including interest, the total award will amount to more than \$1.3 million.

The case was argued by Banner attorney Robert F. Altherr, Jr., who was joined in the appeal by Banner attorneys Bradley C. Wright, Nina L. Medlock, and Thomas H. Jackson.

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