Banner & Witcoff Obtains Judgment of No Patent Infringement for Jagex, Ltd.

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Banner & Witcoff, Ltd. is pleased to announce that on November 9, 2010, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas granted a judgment of no patent infringement in favor of firm client Jagex, Ltd.

The software platform at issue in the case was RuneScape.com, a massive multiplayer online game (MMOG) developed and published by Jagex. By 2009, RuneScape had already amassed over 170 million players accounts, and holds a number of Guinness World Records for the World's most popular free MMOG.

In its complaint, PalTalk accused RuneScape.com of infringing U.S. Pat. Nos. 5,822,523 and 6,226,686 entitled "Server-Group Messaging System for Interactive Applications." PalTalk further alleged that it had "suffered damages in at least the tens of millions of dollars."

During discovery, Banner & Witcoff successfully proved that Jagex's proprietary software platform did not perform either aggregation nor server echo suppression, as required by the patents-in-suit. Accordingly, the court entered judgment of non-infringement in Jagex's favor.

Jagex was represented by Banner & Witcoff, Ltd. attorneys Timothy C. Meece, Ross A. Dannenberg, Christopher B. Roth, V. Bryan Medlock, and Audra Eidem Heinze. The case is PalTalk Holdings, Inc. v. Sony Computer Entertainment America, Inc. et al., docket no. 09-CV-00274, in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas.

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