



## Federal Circuit Grants Rehearing En Banc in Tafas Case

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On July 6, 2009 the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit granted a rehearing *en banc* in *Tafas v. Doll*. The court's March 20, 2009 opinion [Tafas v. Doll](#), 559 F.3d 1345 is vacated and the appeal is reinstated. Please click [here](#) to read the order.

The March 20, 2009 split decision partially upheld the authority of the United States Patent and Trademark Office to impose strict new limits on patent applications. Please click [here](#) to read our summary of the March 20, 2009 decision.

Appellant's briefs are due in early August and the opposing brief is due within twenty days of that filing.

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