



Mark Banner commented on BlackBerry ruling of February 21

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Mark Banner was interviewed on U.S. District Judge James R. Spencer's decision to refuse the U.S. government's request for a hearing on the proposed BlackBerry shutdown, which is helping to clear the way for a halt of the popular portable e-mail service.

Mr. Banner's comments appear in articles for [Bloomberg.com](#) and [Bloomberg Radio, The Philadelphia Inquirer](#), and [The Seattle Post-Intelligencer](#).

UPDATE

On March 3, 2006, Research In Motion, the maker of the BlackBerry e-mail device settled its long-running patent dispute with NTP, Inc., averting a possible court-ordered shutdown of the BlackBerry system and a disruption of wireless service for millions of users.

For more information on this ruling and other intellectual property matters, please contact Mark Banner.

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