

Two Ward, Smith Cases Make 2016 Top 100 Verdicts List

Two verdicts won by East Texas law firm [Ward, Smith & Hill](#) are among the list of [top 100 verdicts](#) from 2016 as compiled by *The National Law Journal*.

In one of the cases, firm founder Johnny Ward helped VirnetX win a \$302 million patent verdict against Apple Inc. After one week of trial, the jury awarded the amount based on Apple's infringement of four of VirnetX's internet security patents. The \$302 million verdict was the ninth largest verdict overall in the U.S., and fourth largest IP verdict in 2016.

And in the other case, name partner Wes Hill successfully convinced a jury that Apple Inc. willfully infringed on a patent owned by Cellular Communications Equipment resulting in an award of \$22 million for past damages. The seven-day trial revealed how Apple knowingly infringed the patent in its iPhones and iPads.

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