

Venable Secures Major Win for Simon Property Group in Gift Card Patent Suit

Venable LLP obtained summary judgment of noninfringement on behalf of Simon Property Group (Texas), L.P., a global leader in the ownership of premier shopping, dining, entertainment, and mixed-use destinations, against patent infringement claims brought by AlexSam, Inc. AlexSam had asserted patent no. 6,000,608, relating to gift card activation technology.

After extensive briefing and hearing that lasted several hours, Magistrate Judge Roy S. Payne of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas recommended dismissal with prejudice of Alexsam's infringement claims against Simon Property Group, saying that changes made to various point-of-sale systems that allegedly infringed the patents "fall outside of the scope of the asserted" patent claims. On March 16, 2022, after a second hours-long hearing, District Judge Robert W. Schroeder, III adopted Judge Payne's report and recommendation in its entirety, granting Venable's motion of summary judgment of non-infringement.

The Venable team was led by partners Timothy Carroll and Elizabeth M. Manno.

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