

Price Heneveld is pleased to announce a decision of the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit in favor of its client, Lacks Industries. Lacks owns a patent covering methods relating to cladded wheel assemblies for automobiles. On November 21, 2008, the Federal Circuit reversed the district court's decision on summary judgment in favor of Defendants McKechnie and Hayes Wheel and remanded the case for further proceedings. The Federal Circuit held that the Defendants had not shown that Lacks' patent was invalid by clear and convincing evidence, but rather that there were material facts in dispute regarding this legal conclusion. If the district court does not find invalidity on remand, a determination of damages Lacks suffered as a result of the infringement of Lacks' patent by Defendants is to follow.

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