

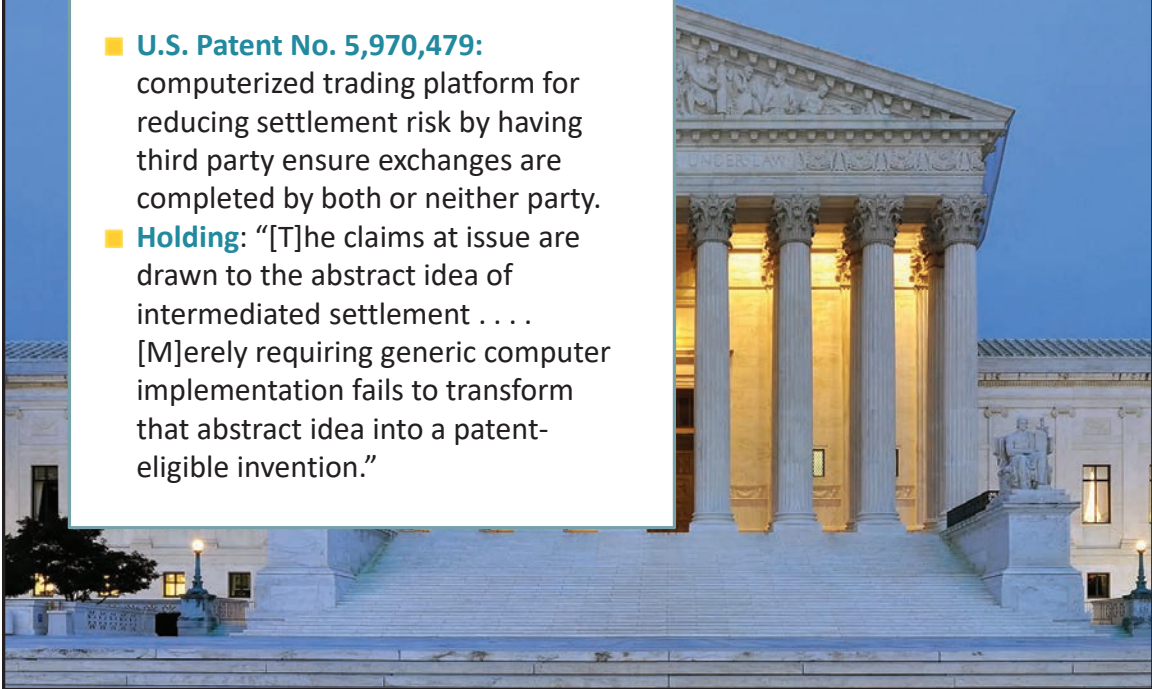
**2018 Section 101 Update**  
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**Overview**

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- **U.S. Patent No. 5,970,479:**  
computerized trading platform for reducing settlement risk by having third party ensure exchanges are completed by both or neither party.
- **Holding:** “[T]he claims at issue are drawn to the abstract idea of intermediated settlement . . . . [M]erely requiring generic computer implementation fails to transform that abstract idea into a patent-eligible invention.”

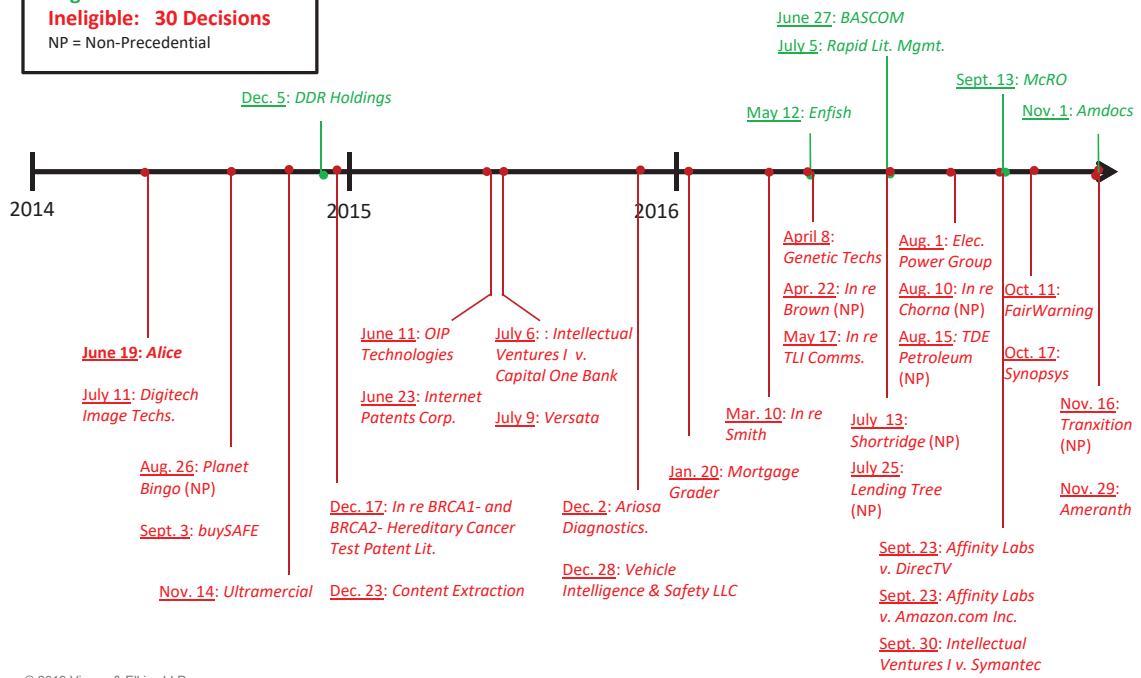


- **Step One** – Are the claims “directed to” one of the patent-ineligible “concepts” like “laws of nature, natural phenomena, and abstract ideas.”
- **Step Two** – “Simply appending conventional steps, specified at a high level of generality” is not “enough” to supply an inventive concept. “[C]laims in *Diehr* were patent eligible because they improved an existing technological process, not because they were implemented on a computer.”

# Federal Circuit § 101 Decisions 2014 – 2016



**Eligible: 6 Decisions**  
**Ineligible: 30 Decisions**  
 NP = Non-Precedential

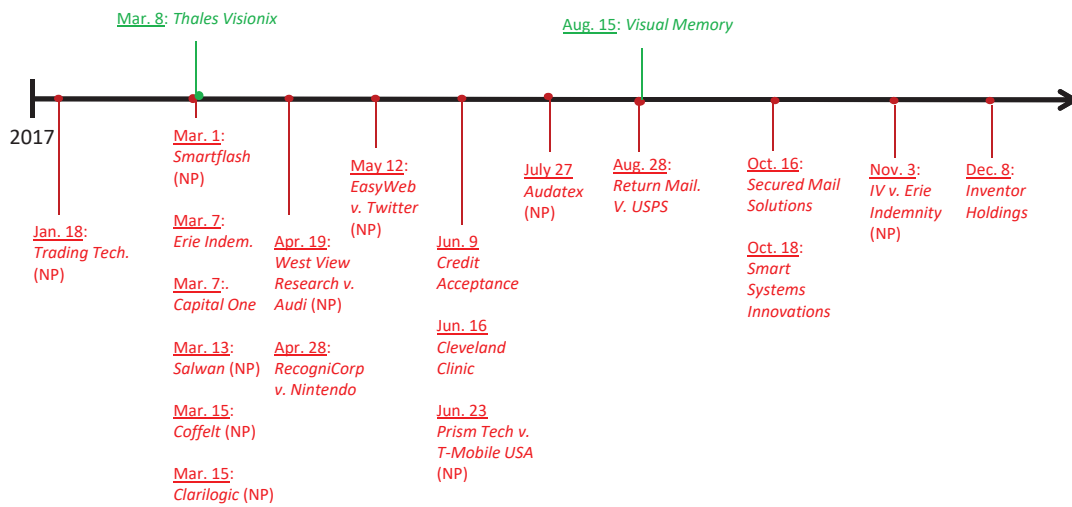


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# Federal Circuit § 101 Decisions 2017



**Eligible: 2 Decisions**  
**Ineligible: 19 Decisions**  
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