

# Divided Infringement

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## Overview

- Divided infringement – the what and why
- The *Akamai* test
- *Eli Lilly*
- *Travel Sentry*
- Top 8 takeaways

## Background: What and Why

- Direct infringement involving multiple actors
  - “Divided infringement is where a single act of direct patent infringement occurs through the combined action of two [or more] separate parties.”

*RealSource, Inc. v. Best Buy Co.*,  
514 F. Supp. 2d 951 (W.D. Tex. 2007).

- Method claims, system claims

## Background: What and Why

- Technology increasingly involves multi-party interaction & cooperation

APIs

IoT

Blockchain

AI

Medical diagnostics  
& treatments

- Often no formal or direct relationships

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