



## **Alice Year in Review 2018-2019**

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## **Welcome to My Nightmare: Section 101 Year in Review**

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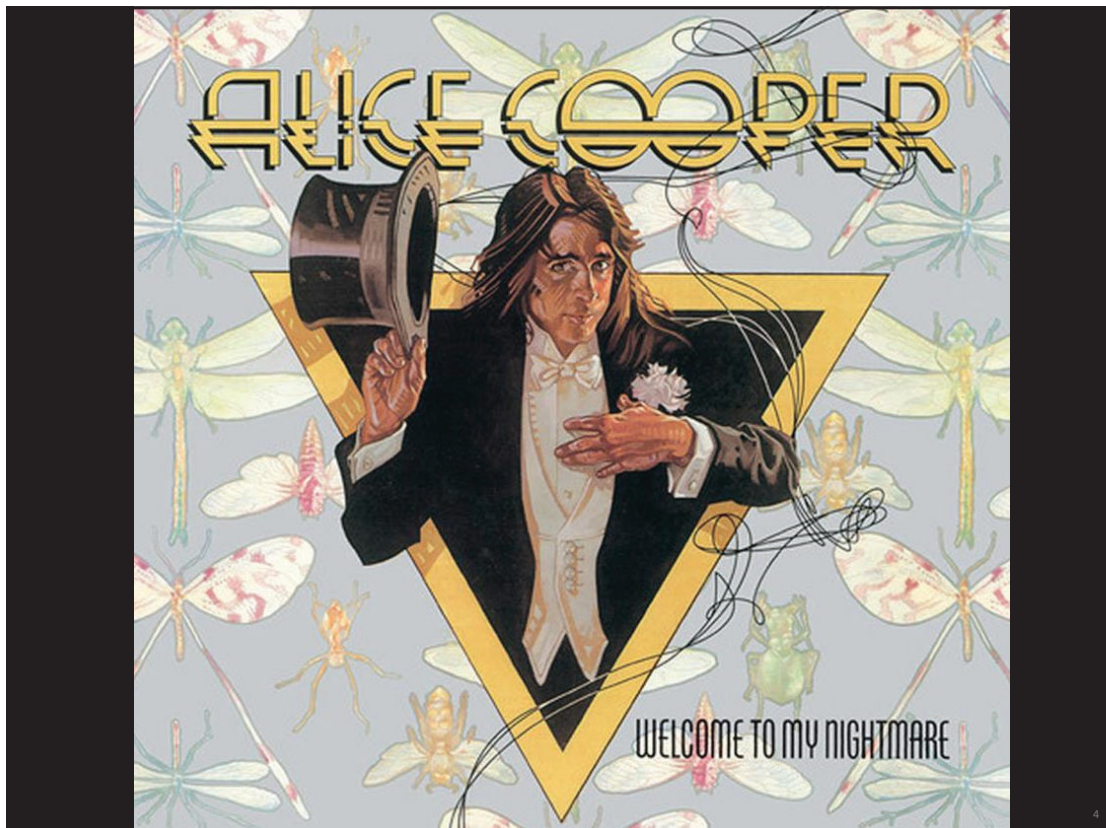
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# Overview

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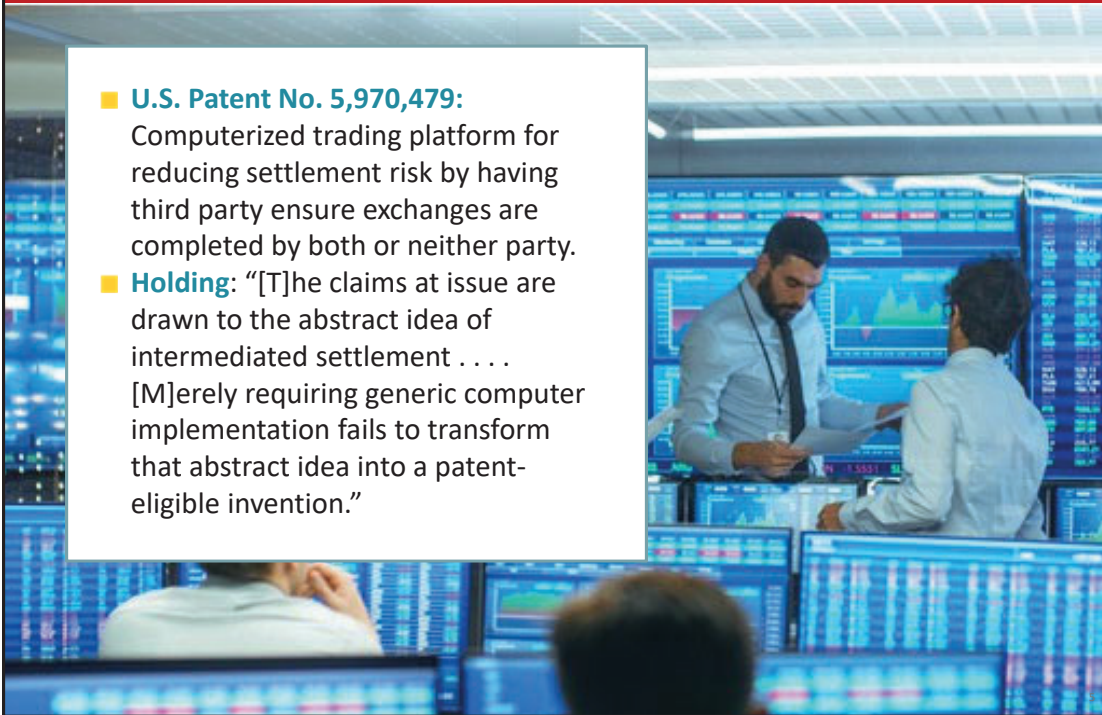


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## Alice Corp. v. CLS Bank Int'l (June 19, 2014)

- **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.”



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## Alice/Mayo Two-Step Framework

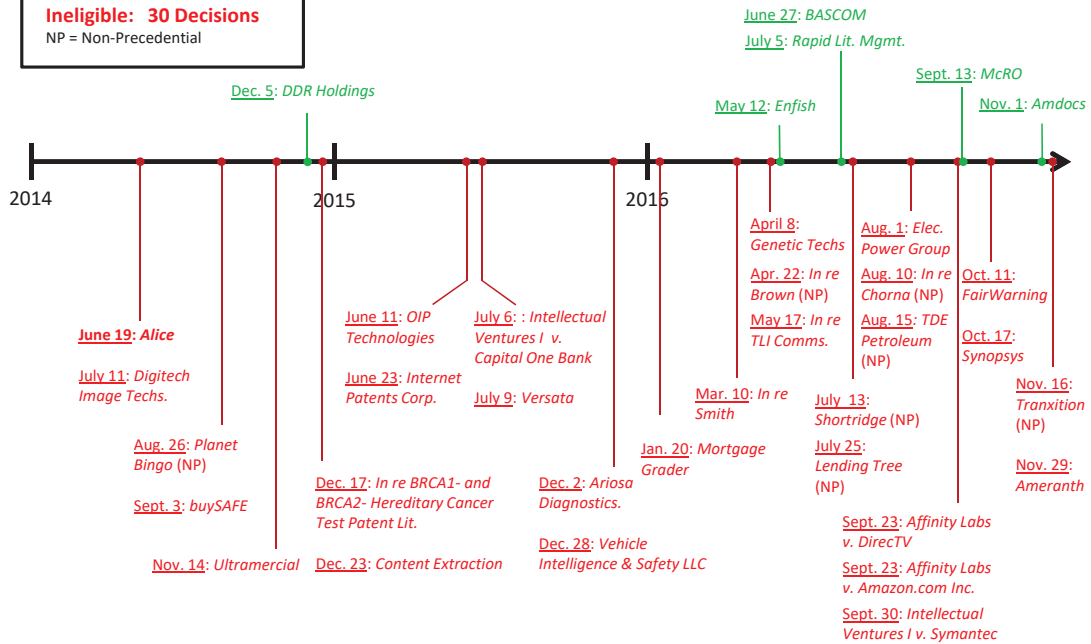


- **Step One** – Are the claims “directed to” one of the patent-ineligible “concepts” like “laws of nature, natural phenomena, and abstract ideas.”
- **Step Two** – “Simply appending conventional steps, specified at a high level of generality” is not “enough” to supply an inventive concept. “[C]laims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

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# Federal Circuit § 101 Decisions 2014 – 2016

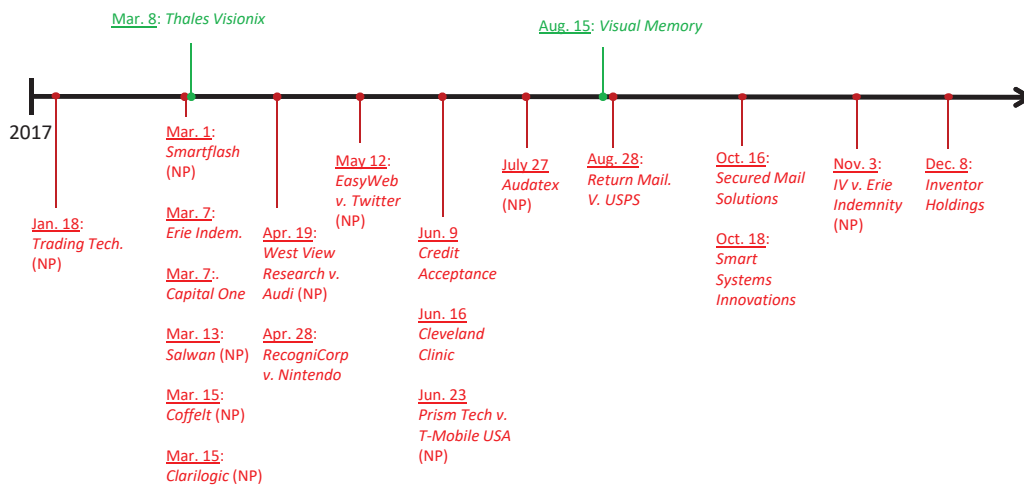
Eligible: 6 Decisions  
 Ineligible: 30 Decisions  
 NP = Non-Precedential



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# Federal Circuit § 101 Decisions 2017

Eligible: 2 Decisions  
 Ineligible: 19 Decisions  
 NP = Non-Precedential



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