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Chicago Law Firm Scores Big Win Defending \$18 Million Patent Dispute

Plaintiff awarded no damages, has two patents invalidated

BEAUMONT, Texas, February 9, 2009 – After a 10-day jury trial, Chicago-based law firm **Ungaretti & Harris LLP** won a major victory for Ohio-based scale manufacturer, **B-Tek Scales, LLC**, and its Italian joint venture partner, **Bilanciali**, in a hard-fought patent case involving digital scale technology. B-Tek and Bilanciali were accused of infringing three patents held by **Mettler-Toledo, Inc.**, a formidable figure in the international scale industry.

Rejecting Mettler-Toledo's claims for \$18 million, the jury returned a verdict of no infringement on any of the three patents. In a further blow to the plaintiff, the jury also held that two of the patents were unenforceable because they were obvious and involved no protectable invention.

“We are obviously extremely pleased with the outcome of the case,” said Ungaretti & Harris Litigation Partner and firm Executive Committee Member [F. Thomas Hecht](#). “We had a talented team that did a superb job.”

Echoing the firm's view, Magistrate Judge Keith Giblin commented that Ungaretti & Harris trial lawyer [Lisa C. Sullivan](#) was among the best trial counsel who has appeared before him.

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Ms. Sullivan and Ungaretti & Harris Partner [Susan G. Feibus](#), along with Associates [Amy M. Gardner](#) and [Richard H. Tilghman IV](#), tried the case in Texas. Ungaretti & Harris technical assistants **Heidi Goldwater** and **Jennifer Olejniczak** were a critical part of the team.

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