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Apple Blames DOJ IP Stance For 'Flawed' Nokia Ruling



Apple has a bone to pick with the Justice Department's approach to patent licensing and is urging the Fifth Circuit to fix the "misguided view" that antitrust law should be kept out of patent cases.

Apple Inc. filed one of four amicus briefs Tuesday asking the appeals court to upend a Texas federal judge's September ruling that Nokia Corp. did not violate antitrust law when it denied Continental Automotive Systems Inc. access to standard-essential patents for cellular technologies.

Although Apple's amicus brief ostensibly backed Continental's appeal of the Nokia ruling, Apple was just as focused on attacking the view pushed by the Department of Justice, which Apple said contributed to that ruling.

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