

High court rejects Microsoft patent appeal

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(AP) -- The Supreme Court has turned down Microsoft Corp.'s appeal of a jury verdict that it infringed on another company's patent.

The justices said Monday they will not intervene in Microsoft's legal fight with Alcatel-Lucent. The disputed <u>patent</u> covers a method of entering information into fields on a computer screen without using a keyboard. Alcatel-Lucent says Microsoft's Outlook calendar and other programs illegally used this technology.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit already has ordered the trial court to reconsider the \$358 million in damages the jury awarded to Alcatel-Lucent.

The case is Microsoft v. Lucent Technologies Inc., 09-1006.

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