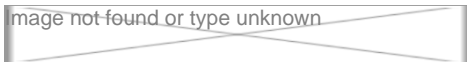




## EDVA Rocket Docket Remains Fastest District for Patent Cases in Pricewaterhouse Coopers 2009 Patent Litigation Study

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In recent years, PwC has analyzed trends in patent litigation and issued a report focusing on a particular "hot topic" in the arena. For 2009, that topic was Non-Practicing Entities, and their effect on patent litigation. The [2009 report](#) draws a number of interesting conclusions about NPEs, including the statistic that since 2002, NPEs have consistently won larger damage awards than operating companies. Not surprisingly, the Eastern District of Virginia was identified as the fastest docket in the country with an average time-to-trial in patent cases of .88 years. The study also concludes that the Rocket Docket is a pro-patentee jurisdiction, largely because of its speedy docket, higher success rates for patentees (ranked third with a success rate of 48.6% for patentholders), and larger median damage awards.

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