



Trying To Have Fun(ai) In The California Sun

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On June 16, 2009, Vizio, Inc. opposed Funai Electric Co., Ltd.'s [Motion](#) to transfer the pending

patent infringement lawsuit from the Eastern District of Virginia, Norfolk Division, to the Southern District of California. The case involves multiple patents relating to digital televisions and is currently pending before the Honorable Robert G. Doumar. Funai's justification for its Motion to Transfer is based on Declaratory Judgments which were filed by Funai and Sony Inc. ("Sony"), not a party to the Virginia case, against Vizio in California regarding the same patents at issue in the Virginia lawsuit. In its [Opposition](#), Vizio disputed transfer of the suit on the basis that the California case with Sony involved different parties and products. Vizio also opposed transfer on the grounds that Funai's own Declaratory Judgment was filed after it was served with Vizio's complaint in Virginia, and that neither Vizio nor Funai have operations in the District.

The Virginia case involves multiple patents relating to digital televisions. This lawsuit appears to be the latest skirmish in a long war between multiple companies for television patents, including disputes in front of the U.S. International Trade Commission, the Central District of California, and the Western District of Wisconsin.