

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
MARSHALL DIVISION**

REMBRANDT WIRELESS
TECHNOLOGIES, LP,

Plaintiff,

v.

APPLE INC.,

Defendant.

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Case No. 2:19-cv-00025-JRG

Hon. Rodney R. Gilstrap

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

APPLE’S RESPONSIVE CLAIM CONSTRUCTION BRIEF

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I. INTRODUCTION

Although Apple accepts the language used by this Court and affirmed by the Federal Circuit to construe the claim terms “modulation method[] of a different type” and “different types of modulation methods,” that language should be supplemented to address a dispute between the parties here about claim scope that was neither raised nor resolved during claim construction in the *Samsung* litigation (No. 2:13-cv-00213-JRG-RSP (E.D. Tex.)). Specifically, Apple’s proposed construction maintains this Court’s previous construction—“different families of modulation techniques, such as the FSK family of modulation methods and the QAM family of modulation methods”—but adds the clarification that “different families” of modulation “may have overlapping characteristics.”

The dispute about claim scope before the Court is clear-cut. A “modulation method” is a way of varying one or more characteristics (e.g., phase, frequency, and amplitude) of an electromagnetic wave (a “carrier wave”) so that the wave carries data. The claim language at issue requires at least two modulation methods of a “different type.” Rembrandt says the two modulation methods cannot be “different” unless they vary different characteristics of a carrier wave. So, in Rembrandt’s view, if two modulation methods both varied the amplitude of a carrier wave, they would not qualify as “different types,” even if one of those modulation methods also varied the phase and/or frequency of the carrier wave. In other words, Rembrandt restricts the scope of this claim language to exclude modulation methods with *any* overlapping characteristic, even if those methods also use non-overlapping characteristics. Apple’s view, however, is that such modulation methods can still be of “different types.”

This claim construction dispute was neither raised nor resolved during claim construction in the *Samsung* litigation. It should be decided now. *O2 Micro Int’l. Ltd. v. Beyond Innovation Tech. Co.*, 521 F.3d 1351, 1360 (Fed. Cir. 2008) (“When the parties raise an actual dispute

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The Court should not permit Rembrandt to improperly restrict the scope of “different types” of modulation methods. Indeed, its restriction conflicts with the intrinsic evidence, excludes preferred embodiments, and renders certain claims nonsensical. Further, the premise of Rembrandt’s argument conflicts with the Court’s prior construction of “different types.” Apple’s proposal suffers none of these flaws, and stays true to the Court’s previous construction, giving it its full breadth. Accordingly, Apple respectfully requests that the Court adopt Apple’s proposed construction of this single disputed claim phrase.

II. THE PARTIES HAVE AN ACTUAL DISPUTE REGARDING CLAIM SCOPE THAT THE COURT, NOT THE JURY, SHOULD RESOLVE

Whether or not “different types” of modulation methods may have overlapping characteristics is a claim scope dispute between the parties here for the Court to resolve during claim construction. This dispute arises because Rembrandt has taken the position, as a matter of claim construction, that the “different types” language excludes modulation methods having overlapping characteristics.

Consider for example, PSK modulation and QAM modulation. PSK (phase shift keying) modulation varies the phase of a carrier wave and QAM (quadrature amplitude modulation) varies the amplitudes of two carrier waves that are added together.¹ *See, e.g.*, Ex. A (Newnes Communications Technology Handbook), at 188-189. Rembrandt told the Patent Office during claim construction in a prior *inter partes* review proceeding related to the *Samsung* litigation that there are three families, and that “three characteristics, phase, amplitude and frequency of the carrier wave, define these three families...There is some intersections where some modulation techniques use more than one characteristic...our contention is that they are not of different types. They are different in the sense that they are different methods, like QAM and PSK, but

¹According to Rembrandt, QAM varies both phase and amplitude characteristics of a carrier wave.

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