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a.	[1P] “A device, comprising:”	35
b.	[1A]: “a first virtual microphone comprising a first combination of a first microphone signal and a second microphone signal, wherein the first microphone signal is generated by a first physical microphone and the second microphone signal is generated by a second physical microphone;”	35
c.	[1B]: “a second virtual microphone comprising a second combination of the first microphone signal and the second microphone signal,”	40
d.	[1C]: “wherein the second combination is different from the first combination,”	42
e.	[1D]: “wherein the first virtual microphone and the second virtual microphone are distinct virtual directional microphones with substantially similar responses to noise and substantially dissimilar responses to speech; and”	43
f.	[1E]: “a signal processor coupled with the first and second microphone signals and operative to combine the first and second microphone signals by filtering and summing in the time domain, to apply a varying linear transfer function between the first and second microphone signals, and to generate an output signal having noise content that is attenuated with respect to speech content.”	65
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a.	Claim 2: “The device of claim 1, wherein the signal processor comprises one or more digital signal processors (DSPs).”	79

- b. Claim 3: “The device of claim 1, wherein the noise content comprises acoustic noise and the speech content comprises human speech.”80
- c. Claim 4: “The device of claim 1, wherein the signal processor is operative to add a delay to the first microphone signals.”81
- d. Claim 5: “The device of claim 4, wherein the signal processor is operative to raise the delay to a power that is proportional to a time difference between arrival of the speech at the first virtual microphone and arrival of the speech at the second virtual microphone.”81
- e. Claim 6: “The device of claim 4, wherein the signal processor is operative to raise the delay to a power that is proportional to a sampling frequency multiplied by a quantity equal to a third distance subtracted from a fourth distance, the third distance being between the first physical microphone and a speech source of the speech and the fourth distance being between the second physical microphone and the speech source.”84
- f. Claim 7: “The device of claim 1, wherein the first and second physical microphones comprise omnidirectional microphones.”86
- g. Claim 8: “The device of claim 1, wherein the first and second physical microphones are included in a microphone array.”86
- h. Claim 9: “The device of claim 1, wherein the first physical microphone and the second physical microphones are disposed along an axis and are separated from each other by a first distance.”86
- i. Claim 10: “The device of claim 9, wherein a midpoint of the axis is a second distance from a speech source that generates the speech, wherein

the speech source is located in a direction defined by an angle relative to the midpoint.”87

j. Claim 11: “The device of claim 10, wherein the first virtual microphone is formed by subtracting the second microphone signal from the first microphone signal.”90

k. Claim 12: “The device of claim 10, wherein the second virtual microphone is formed by subtracting the first microphone signal from the second microphone signal.”91

l. Claim 13: “The device of claim 1, wherein the first virtual microphone is formed by subtracting the second microphone signal from a delayed version of the first microphone signal.”93

m. Claim 14: “The device of claim 1, wherein the second virtual microphone is formed by subtracting the first microphone signal from a delayed version of the second microphone signal.”94

3. Independent Claim 1596

a. [15P]: “A device, comprising:”96

b. [15A]: “a first virtual microphone comprising a first combination of a first microphone signal and a second microphone signal, wherein the first microphone signal is generated by a first physical microphone and the second microphone signal is generated by a second physical microphone;”96

c. [15B]: “a second virtual microphone comprising a second combination of the first microphone signal and the second microphone signal,”96

d. [15C]: “wherein the second combination is different from the first combination,”96

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