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An accused party's belief in the invalidity of a patent is not a defense to a claim that the party induced infringement of the patent, the U.S. Supreme Court has held. In a dispute between Commil USA and accused infringer Cisco Systems, the Court reversed a holding of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit that "evidence of an accused inducer's good-faith belief of invalidity may negate the requisite intent for induced infringement." The case was remanded for further proceedings consistent with the Supreme Court's decision (*Commil USA, LLC v. Cisco Systems, Inc.*, May 26, 2015, Kennedy, A.).

A full summary of this case has been published on [Kluwer IP Law](#).