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The federal district court in Chicago did not err in dismissing a patent infringement suit filed by Maxon, LLC against several smart television manufacturers on the ground that the asserted patents—describing an electronic means of increasing user control over subscription entertainment content for smart TVs—were invalid as directed to an abstract idea that lacked an inventive concept, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit has held in a nonprecedential decision. Maxon conceded that the patents were directed to the abstract concept of increasing user control over services, and the district court correctly found that the patent claims recited only generic computing processes using functional language (Maxon, LLC v. Funai Corporation, Inc., April 9, 2018, Hughes, T.).

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