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Patent case: Judgment no. 46/2022 of the Supreme Court, dated 27 January 2022, Spain

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The Spanish Supreme Court rules in a patent ownership and trade secret dispute where a company had filed a patent application which named as inventor the husband of the company's founder, who had previously led an R&D project funded by a competitor. The Court sets a high standard for ownership claims and, at the same time, establishes a narrow and ambiguous threshold for unfair competition actions based on breach of trade secrets.

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