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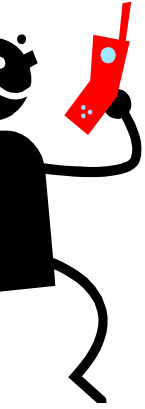


Antitrust Issues in Standards for the Internet

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Importance of Standards for the Internet



Industry standards are vital to the development of the Internet and to interoperability among devices and computers

For example, anytime you use the Internet, your cell phone or computer, you are benefitting from international technical standards

- Watching a video? You're probably using a standard called ITU/ISO/IEC 264
- Connected to a wireless network? You're using another standard called IEEE 802.11



Standards are developed in a collaborative process at standards-setting organizations (“SSOs”)

Standard-Essential Patents (“SEPs”), F/RAND and Patent Hold-Up

What is a SEP?



Patent hold-up and injunctive relief

When does seeking an injunction on a FRAND-encumbered SEP constitute a patent hold-up in violation of competition rules?



Other issues relating to excessive payments, reciprocity and transfer of a FRAND-encumbered SEP



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