



A Typical Case for Invalidation Represented by Tee & Howe

In 2021, we, representing the petitioner, filed a Request for Invalidation for an invention patent titled as “Junction for Copper Terminal and Aluminium Conductor and Ultrasonic Welding Method” thereof which owned by the patentee (Case Number: 4W112083). The patentee responded and filed Request for Invalidation for three invention patents that owned by the Petitioner respectively (Case Number: 4W112775, 4W112776, 4W112780).

In response to the Request for Invalidation filed by us, the patentee proposed the expectation that both parties withdrew the corresponding requests, in exchange, the petitioner can obtain **permanent non-exclusive license for free** of the patent involved that owned by the patentee. In the end, both parties reached an agreement and the petitioner withdrew the Request for Invalidation.

Regarding three cases of the Request for Invalidation filed by the patentee, after the negotiation, both parties signed the contract of common patent license for two invention patents and the patentee withdrew the corresponding Requests for Invalidation. For the remaining one invention patent involved in the invalidation requested by the patentee, after the oral proceeding, the Examination Decision of the Request for Invalidation from the Patent Reexamination and Invalidation Department in early 2022 was to maintain **all patent rights in valid**.

Our patent attorneys successfully protected the patent right of the petitioner and strived for the maximum interests for the petitioner.



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