

Tesla Trims 1 Intellectual Ventures Patent But Not 2nd At PTAB

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Law360 (July 22, 2026, 6:16 PM EDT) -- Intellectual Ventures was able to hold onto a patent covering a way to identify targets in an image and most claims in another patent on digital camera technology that were challenged by Tesla at the Patent Trial and Appeal Board.

In a pair of decisions on Tuesday, a panel of three administrative law judges turned down Tesla's bids to invalidate eight claims in U.S. Patent No. 7,336,805 and nine claims in U.S. Patent No. 7,916,180, but it agreed with Tesla that five claims in the '180 patent were obvious in light of a U.S. patent application and two U.S. patents.

That prior art covered ways of combining photographs with different focal lengths to an image in-focus and a digital camera with multiple lenses, according to board records.

The latest decisions are part of a larger patent fight being waged between the parties at the PTAB, as well as in federal district court.

Tesla and Intellectual Ventures are squaring off in Texas federal court as part of a series of suits filed by the latter company accusing Tesla of infringing a dozen of its patents. Both the '805 and '180 patents are part of the litigation, which targets Tesla's vehicles.

The PTAB earlier this month said another one of Intellectual Ventures' patents covering wireless technology **was invalid**.

However, just before that, the board had found that two other patents Tesla was trying to have invalidated would stand.

Counsel for Intellectual Ventures declined to comment to Law360 on Wednesday.

Counsel for Tesla did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

The patents-at-issue are U.S. Patent Nos. 7,336,805 and 7,916,180.

Administrative Patent Judges Kristen L. Droesch, Scott A. Daniels and Frederick C. Laney sat on the panel.

Tesla was represented in-house by Ashraf Fawzy and by Jonathan Bowser, Scott Jarratt, Greg Webb, David O'Brien and Hong Shi of Haynes Boone.

Intellectual Ventures was represented in-house by Russell J. Rigby and by Brandon Theiss of AddyHart.

The cases are Tesla Inc. v. Intellectual Ventures II LLC, case numbers IPR2025-00342 and IPR2025-00339, before the Patent Trial and Review Board.

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Correction: A previous version of this story misidentified Intellectual Ventures' counsel. The error has been corrected.

