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Subject: Re: Anyone following the E-Bay Patent case in front of the Supreme Court now?

Posted by [Manualblock](#) on Thu, 30 Mar 2006 13:56:19 GMT

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I haven't followed that one only because it really only affects Apple; doesn't really have any relevance to things like DRM and other stuff that affects you'all and me'all. The E-Bay case will define when and where injunctions against companies for patent violations can be used. Many of these so-called patents are bogus; this company Medcovore or some thing wants to enjoin E-Bay from using it's Buy-It-Now feature because they claim they patented that concept a couple yrs before E-Bay used it. That's why Roberts asked, "Isn't that like a supermarket patenting the sale of vegetables?" Those sniper companies use the injunctive relief as a weapon to strong-arm companies into giving up when they have every right to fight because it is too costly to stop production; so the victims give in and pay the extortion the snipes are asking.

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