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Federal Circuit Upholds Global Tel Link's (GTL) Successful Challenge of Securus Patent Claims
Ruling confirms invalidation of "crown jewel" patent in case where Securus misstated key facts in patent application

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Reston, Virginia – December 14, 2016 – [GTL](#), the leading provider of correctional technology solutions and an innovator in payment services solutions for government, today announced that the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit [upheld the decision](#) of the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) to invalidate two patents at the core of Securus Technologies, Inc.'s patent portfolio, including its "crown jewel" patent related to the provisioning of correctional communications using VoIP technology.

A three-judge Federal Circuit panel summarily affirmed the PTAB's invalidation of *all* claims of two Securus patents – U.S. Patent Nos. [7,899,167](#) and [8,577,003](#) – that were once centerpieces in Securus' decade-long strategy to intimidate competitors into settling patent lawsuits and paying millions in license fees. The unanimous decision signals an end to existing claims by Securus that GTL infringes the '167 patent in Texas federal court and will prevent any new suits based on these patents, opening the market to greater competition.

"This is another great victory for GTL and the correctional communications market," said GTL CEO Brian Oliver. "Securus used these patents and others for years to bully our industry. First the PTAB and now the Federal Circuit have confirmed that these patents didn't cover any genuine invention."

In the [earlier PTAB ruling on the '167 patent](#), Securus was found to have made "incorrect" statements of fact to patent officials during the original U.S. Patent and Trademark Office examination to have the patent issue, false statements that ultimately played a role in leading the USPTO to issue the patent.

"During the past three years we promised to challenge the patents that we believe represent the core of Securus' portfolio," Oliver continued. "As a result, we have invalidated hundreds of claims and confirmed what GTL has long said – Securus is merely a patent predator, not an innovator," stated Oliver.

Securus had filed at least 12 patent infringement lawsuits against 19 industry competitors during a 12-year period, stifling innovation and creating confusion for customers and vendors alike.

"Since GTL took up the fight against these tactics nearly four years ago, other than baseless lawsuits against GTL, Securus has not filed a single new patent case against another industry competitor. That's a victory for everyone."

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GTL is the leading provider of integrated correctional technology solutions, delivering financial value, security, and ease of operation to our customers through visionary products and solutions at the forefront of corrections innovation. As a trusted correctional industry leader, GTL provides service to

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