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# VLSI's Fortress Ties to Take Center Stage in Intel Patent Trial

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Charles Baker, a partner with Troutman Pepper Locke, was quoted in the May 27, 2025 *Bloomberg Law* article, “[VLSI's Fortress Ties to Take Center Stage in Intel Patent Trial](#).”

Patent licensees often bargain for that sort of broad language to ensure they're protected from infringement litigation, Troutman Pepper Locke LLP partner Charles Baker said.

“The language ‘affiliate’ is what you typically see as some type of definition,” Baker said, noting it could mean a certain percentage of ownership and include a future entity.

Judges typically don't like breaking up a case into separate disputes and having multiple trials, according to Baker. But pushing for an issue to be resolved separately can be beneficial and prevent the need to submit an additional jury question if all issues are presented together, the Texas-based attorney said.

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