

***Getting A Patent Just Got Harder* – Senniger Powers Partner Interviewed  
by Forbes.com**

Brian Wingfield of Forbes.com recently quoted Senniger Powers Partner Mike Godar in an article on the potential implications of the U.S. Supreme Court decision in *KSR International v. Teleflex Inc.*

On Monday, April 30, the Supreme Court ruled that Teleflex's patent was obvious, and that the test for obviousness is too rigid, which means the U.S. Patent Office will likely apply a higher standard for patentability when examining patent applications.

The article states that the ruling is backed by large technology firms who are frequently accused of patent infringement, while the decision is not good news for industries like biotechnology, which rely heavily on patents to protect their products. In the article, Mike Godar said, "I would think that [the decision] is going to have an across-the-board dampening of the number of applications that are filed in all arts."

Please click the following link to read the article in its entirety:

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