

Lombardi Named “Litigator of the Week” by *American Lawyer*

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Winston & Strawn’s George Lombardi, based in the firm’s Chicago office, was named *American Lawyer*’s “Litigator of the Week” and September’s “Litigator in the Spotlight” for his representation of Monsanto Co. in a patent infringement claim against DuPont Co. The trial centered around Monsanto’s Roundup Ready system, a technology which allows farmers to make their crops herbicide resistant.

Forty-five minutes after Mr. Lombardi’s closing arguments, the jury ordered DuPont to pay Monsanto \$1 billion in damages; the largest verdict to date this year.

Mr. Lombardi argued that DuPont combined, or “stacked,” its technology to genetic engineering with Monsanto’s patent. As a result of this stacking, Monsanto’s expert determined royalty damages at between \$800 million and \$1 billion.

“Behind all the technical jargon, it was a simple case,” Mr. Lombardi told *American Lawyer*. “What DuPont did was bald-faced.”

DuPont argued not only that it did not infringe Monsanto’s patent, but that the patent itself is invalid on eight different grounds, including non-infringement, obviousness, anticipation, lack of written description, among others. The jury disagreed and sided with Monsanto’s narrative.

George Lombardi is a litigation partner who concentrates his practice in patent, commercial, securities, commodities, and white-collar criminal cases. He is the fourth Winston & Strawn attorney to be named “Litigator of the Week” by *American Lawyer* in 2012 – the most recognitions garnered by any firm.

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