

THIS CASEBOOK contains a selection of 217 decisions of the U. S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit that analyze and discuss the doctrine of patent obviousness. The selection of decisions spans from 2004 to the date of publication. A patent is invalid if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. 35 U.S.C. Â§ 103(a) (2012); see generally *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 17-18 (1966). Thus, a patent may be found invalid as obvious if there are a finite number of identified, predictable solutions, [and] a person of ordinary skill has good reason to pursue the known options within his or her technical grasp. *KSR Intl Co. v. Teleflex Inc.*, 550 U.S. 398, 421 (2007). Although the KSR test is flexible, [we] must still be careful not to allow hindsight reconstruction of references... without any explanation as to how or why the references would be combined to produce the claimed invention. *Kinetic Concepts, Inc. v. Smith & Nephew, Inc.*, 688 F.3d 1342, 1368 (Fed. Cir. 2012) (emphases added) (internal quotations omitted). *Trivascular, Inc. v. Samuels*, (Fed. Cir. 2016). Obviousness is a question of law based on underlying factual findings, including: (1) the scope and content of prior art; (2) differences between prior art and claims; (3) the level of ordinary skill in the art; and (4) objective indicia of nonobviousness. *PAR Pharm., Inc. v. TWI Pharm., Inc.*, 773 F.3d 1186, 1193 (Fed.Cir.2014) (citing *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 17-18, 86 S.Ct. 684, 15 L.Ed.2d 545 (1966)). We review the ultimate conclusion of obviousness de novo and the underlying factual findings for clear error. *Medichem, S.A. v. Rolabo, S.L.*, 437 F.3d 1157, 1164 (Fed.Cir.2006). *Dome Patent LP v. Lee*, 799 F. 3d 1372 (Fed. Cir. 2015). The obviousness inquiry entails consideration of whether a person of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to combine the teachings of the prior art references to achieve the claimed invention, and ... would have had a reasonable expectation of success in doing so. *Procter & Gamble Co. v. Teva Pharm. USA, Inc.*, 566 F.3d 989, 994 (Fed.Cir. 2009) (internal quotation mark omitted) (quoting *Pfizer, Inc. v. Apotex, Inc.*, 480 F.3d 1348, 1361 (Fed.Cir.2007)); see also *Bayer Schering Pharma AG v. Barr Labs., Inc.*, 575 F.3d 1341, 1347 (Fed.Cir. 2009). In considering motivation in the obviousness analysis, the problem examined is not the specific problem solved by the invention. *In re Kahn*, 441 F.3d 977, 988 (Fed.Cir.2006). Defining the problem in terms of its solution reveals improper hindsight in the selection of the prior art relevant to obviousness. *Monarch Knitting Mach. Corp. v. Sulzer Morat GmbH*, 139 F.3d 877, 881 (Fed.Cir.1998). And, [ ] an overly narrow statement of the problem [can] represent[ ] a form of prohibited reliance on hindsight, [because] [o]ften the inventive contribution lies in defining the problem in a new revelatory way. *Mintz v. Dietz & Watson, Inc.*, 679 F.3d 1372, 1377 (Fed.Cir.2012). *Insite Vision Inc. v. Sandoz, Inc.*, 783 F. 3d 853 (Fed. Cir. 2015).

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skilled person will have to make a series of correct decisions along the way. The patent that was found to be obvious in the present case [EP 1 standard for assessing obviousness is welcome as a matter of law, Previous Book Review: Arnold reviews Economic Approaches to Intellectual Property . The inventive step reflects a general patentability requirement in most patent laws, according to which an invention should be sufficiently inventive (not obvious in Wolters Kluwer released a new title last week in the Information Law Series. The Patents Act requires that a claim for an invention involves an A claim involves an inventive step if it is not obvious to a person skilled in the art, having back towards the underlying problem by an apparently simple series of steps.

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