

## Law firm helps semiconductor company invalidate patents and reach a favorable settlement

“Chipworks found prior use that delivered a knock-out punch, substantially strengthening our negotiating position. They are an integral, trusted part of our team and always deliver high-quality, customized solutions.”

— Senior Patent Litigator, U.S. Law Firm

### SITUATION

A semiconductor company was in patent licensing negotiations with a competitor twice its size. Its strategy was to try and invalidate the competitor’s patents. Knowing that it would need irrefutable evidence to reach a favorable settlement with such a strong opponent, the company sought to include prior use in its prior art search. However, neither the company nor its outside counsel had the resources to perform both types of searches. The law firm suggested contacting Chipworks, given its deep patent and market knowledge, extensive library of existing reverse engineering reports, and ability to analyze the broadest range of products across all industry sectors.

### CHALLENGES

- Gather evidence that would invalidate the competitor’s patents
- Find a supplier capable of performing a prior use search

### CHIPWORKS SOLUTION

- Performed a detailed investigation of the competitor’s patents and cited references
- Reviewed public literature resources
- Examined existing reverse engineering reports and device images maintained in-house
- Documented evidence of prior art and prior use

### RESULTS

- Chipworks helped this global technology company protect their competitive position
- The company was able to invalidate more than half of the patents reviewed, substantially decreasing the amount of product-line revenue at stake
- The company was able to favorably settle with the competitor, saving millions in legal costs and royalty payments