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Federal Circuit Reverses Judgment for Willful Infringement

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Through its recent decision in *Stryker Corp. v. Zimmer, Inc.*, the Federal Circuit gave Zimmer an early Christmas gift worth approximately \$140 million by reversing a district court's determination of willfulness and vacating a corresponding award of trebled damages against Zimmer. The reversal was based on the Federal Circuit's finding that the noninfringement and invalidity defenses raised by Zimmer were "not objectively unreasonable."

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