

## Supreme Court sides with Google in decade-long copyright battle against Oracle

April 8, 2021 | Client Update

On April 5, 2021, the U.S. Supreme Court issued a long-awaited decision in *Google LLC v. Oracle America, Inc.*, holding that Google's copying of certain portions of Oracle's Java SE API code constituted fair use as a matter of law. While the Court noted that "in reaching this result, the Court does not overturn or modify its earlier cases involving fair use," the Court's decision nonetheless will have significant ramifications for the software industry and, potentially, for copyright holders more broadly.

If you have any questions regarding the matters covered in this publication, please reach out to any of the lawyers listed below or your usual Davis Polk contact.

**Frank Azzopardi**

+1 212 450 6277  
frank.azzopardi@davispolk.com

**Matthew J. Bacal**

+1 212 450 4790  
matthew.bacal@davispolk.com

**David R. Bauer**

+1 212 450 4995  
david.bauer@davispolk.com

**Micah G. Block**

+1 650 752 2023  
micah.block@davispolk.com

**David Lisson**

+1 650 752 2013  
david.lisson@davispolk.com

**Ashok Ramani**

+1 650 752 2007  
ashok.ramani@davispolk.com

**Pritesh P. Shah**

+1 212 450 4147  
pritesh.shah@davispolk.com

*This communication, which we believe may be of interest to our clients and friends of the firm, is for general information only. It is not a full analysis of the matters presented and should not be relied upon as legal advice. This may be considered attorney advertising in some jurisdictions. Please refer to the firm's privacy notice for further details.*

## Related materials

[Read the full update](#)