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Federal Circuit: Inequitable Conduct is Not Warranted Without Evidence of Materiality of Withheld Document to the Patent Office

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Summary judgment of inherent anticipation is inappropriate where a genuine dispute of material fact exists as to whether a claim limitation is inherent in the prior art references. Inequitable conduct requires a showing of materiality and is not warranted where there is no evidence that the patents-in-suit would not have issued had the plaintiff disclosed the withheld documents to the Patent Office.