

Is Google's Larry Page an “Idea Thief”?

A new lawsuit against Google presents startling evidence that Google stole YouTube, Google Glass, Google VR, Google-Loon, Google's video technology and the very essence of Google itself.

The lawsuit, along with a number of other legal actions, demonstrates a systematic program of intellectual property theft where Google's owners would dangle “possible investment” with Google's massive government-funded bank vault in front of entrepreneurs and inventors. Google's people then use this pretext to defraud inventors into revealing the workings of their ideas. Google then rejects the ideas, runs a global defamation attack against the entrepreneurs to prevent them from competing, and copies the idea and makes billions of dollars. The inventors get nothing but grief. The following article goes into greater detail:

How Google Steals Ideas From Entrepreneurs

By Sarah Dunn and Anthony Harvard

A recent article in The New York Times called: “***How Larry Page’s Obsessions Became Google’s Business***” describes how Google Boss Larry Page covertly attends technology conferences in order to get ideas from entrepreneurs. He does not seem to ever pay those entrepreneurs, for the technology he takes from them, and makes billions of dollars off of at Google.

Google Boss Eric Schmidt just spent over \$1 Billion to try to lobby Congress to change the patent laws in order to make patents for entrepreneurs nearly illegal, and to try to make patents almost entirely unenforceable, so that Google would not have to pay for the technology it steals. Google seems to love killing the American dream.

Google spent millions of dollars to nominate, lobby for, influence and place it's top lawyer in charge of the U.S. Patent Office. Now Google's “inside-man” makes sure that patents, that Google is infringing, are either turned down or, in some cases, have their approvals reversed.

Google's motto seems to be: “Why Compete When You Can Cheat”. This is a far more relevant motto than 'Don't be evil’.

The New York Times article, and hundreds of stories from entrepreneurs, describes how Mr. Page cuddles up to technologists in ordinary street wear, does not identify himself, and Hoover's up their innovations for his company. The article, details the following:

“Three years ago, Charles Chase, an engineer who manages Lockheed Martin’s nuclear fusion program, was sitting on a white leather couch at Google’s Solve for X conference when a man he had never met knelt down to talk to him.

They spent 20 minutes discussing how much time, money and technology separated humanity from a sustainable fusion reaction — that is, how to produce clean energy by mimicking the sun’s power — before Mr. Chase thought to ask the man his name.

“I’m Larry Page,” the man said. He realized he had been talking to [Google’s billionaire co-founder and chief executive](#).

“He didn’t have any sort of pretension like he shouldn’t be talking to me or ‘Don’t you know who you’re talking to?’” Mr. Chase said. “We just talked.”

The article also reveals the show-boating of how Mr. Page likes to “ignore the main stage and **follow the scrum of fans and autograph seekers who mob him in the moments he steps outside closed doors.**”

The article goes on to show that.. *“He is a regular at robotics conferences and intellectual gatherings like TED. Scientists say he is a good bet to attend Google’s various academic gatherings, like Solve for X and Sci Foo Camp, where he can be found having casual conversations about technology or giving advice to entrepreneurs. Mr. Page is hardly the first Silicon Valley chief with a case of intellectual wanderlust, but unlike most of his peers, he has invested far beyond his company’s core business and in many ways has made it a reflection of his personal fascinations.”*

Further Page has *“... said on several occasions that he spends a good deal of time researching new technologies, focusing on what kind of financial or logistic hurdles stand in the way of them being invented or carried out. His presence at technology events, while just a sliver of his time, is indicative of a giant idea-scouting mission that has in some sense been going on for years but is now Mr. Page’s main job.”*

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Sergey Brin, co-founder of Google, wearing Google Glass. Credit Carlo Allegri/Reuters

Then the article grows dark, it says: *“Many former Google employees who have worked directly with Mr. Page said **his managerial modus operandi was to TAKE new technologies or product ideas and generalize them to as many areas as possible. Why can’t Google Now, Google’s predictive search tool, be used to predict everything about a person’s life? Why create a portal to shop for insurance when you can create a portal to shop for every product in the world?***

But corporate success means corporate sprawl, and recently Google has seen a number of engineers

and others leave for younger rivals like Facebook and start-ups like Uber. Mr. Page has made “People who have worked with Mr. Page say that he tries to guard his calendar, avoiding back-to-back meetings and leaving time to read, research and see new technologies that interest him.” The company has become a difficult place for entrepreneurs, according to people who have met with

him. The article details Page's under-cover intelligence gathering: “ *People who work with Mr. Page or have spoken with him at conferences say he tries his best to blend in, ..* ” “ *The scope of his curiosity was apparent at Sci Foo Camp, an annual invitation-only conference that is sponsored by Google, O’Reilly Media and Digital Science.*”

The article goes on to reveal that Google was forced to engage in a break-up, into a front operation called “Alphabet” in order to try to create overt shell companies to build buffers from the Tsunami of legal actions that are coming after it.:

“Of course, for every statement Mr. Page makes about Alphabet’s technocorporate benevolence, you can find many competitors and privacy advocates holding their noses in disgust. Technology companies like Yelp have accused the company of acting like a brutal monopolist that is using the dominance of its search engine to steer consumers toward Google services, even if that means giving the customers inferior information.”

In fact, the company’s main business issue seems to be that it is doing too well. Google is facing antitrust charges in Europe, along with investigations in Europe and the United States. Those issues are now mostly Mr. Pichai’s to worry about, as Mr. Page is out looking for the next big thing.”

“It is hard to imagine how even the most ambitious person could hope to revolutionize so many industries. And Mr. Page, no matter how smart, cannot possibly be an expert in every area Alphabet wants to touch.”

His method is not overly technical. Instead, he tends to focus on how to make a sizable business out of whatever problem this or that technology might solve. Leslie Dewan, a nuclear engineer who founded a company that is trying to generate cheap electricity from nuclear waste, also had a brief conversation with Mr. Page at the Solve For X conference.

She said he questioned her on things like modular manufacturing and how to find the right employees.

“He doesn’t have a nuclear background, but he knew the right questions to ask,” said Dr. Dewan, chief executive of Transatomic Power. “‘Have you thought about approaching the manufacturing in this way?’ ‘Have you thought about the vertical integration of the company in this way?’ ‘Have you thought about training the work force this way?’ They weren’t nuclear physics questions, but they were extremely thoughtful ways to think about how we could structure the business.”

Dr. Dewan said Mr. Page even gave her an idea for a new market opportunity that she had not thought of. Asked to be more specific, she refused. The idea was too good to share.”

Yet, Dr. Dewan did share, *seduced* by the understated encouragement of a top intelligence gathering officer: Larry Page.

Below, you will find a small sample of tens of thousands of blog articles and news articles discussing the overt experience of Google's intellectual property theft. When you have a zillion billion dollars and own your own Senators, ethics do not seem to fall within range of your moral compass.

Entrepreneurs have charged that Google has overtly, stolen its video broadcasting technology, virtual reality systems, Internet balloons, search engine system, wireless technology and many other items. We spoke with technologists who showed us United States Government issued patents and communications that showed that they had designed, engineered, built, patent filed and launched a number of the technologies that Google now has filled their bank accounts from. Google's financiers at Kleiner Perkins, Google Ventures and other groups had come to them, looked at the technologies confidentially, under the guise of “maybe we'll invest”, and then sent the technologies over to Google to build 100% clones of.

How hard is it to sue Google for patent infringement? With Google controlling the patent office and 80% of the technology law firms, the hapless entrepreneur is out-gunned.

Google even tried the lamest shell game in history by posting ads on technology blogs asking inventors to just send Google their patents and Google would look at them and offer a low-ball check if Google thought they might get in trouble. That ploy was universally mocked on the web.

Google remains a big, dumb, reckless billionaire's toy with no regard for the individual. As a creator, your idea is Google's to plunder. As a citizen, your privacy is Google's to plunder. As the buyer of elected officials and federal agencies, the law is now Google's bitch.

American FTC investigators wrote, in their report, that “*Google is a threat to domestic innovation*”. The European Union investigators have found “*...Google to be a private out of control corporate government that has more power than the U.S. Government.*”

It is time the FBI came in and shut that train down. Google is nothing but bad news for modern society and innovation.

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Some complaints are a morass of technical jargon and legalese. Others read like the makings of a [zany crime-comedy](#) by Steven Soderbergh. One [new lawsuit](#) filed against Google for copying the technology to compress video and audio files falls into the latter category, due primarily to allegedly incriminating Post-It notes accidentally handed over to the victim.

Comic potential aside, the claims are far-reaching, alleging that Google used trade secrets to "enhance the streaming and downloading features of virtually all Google services," [reports The Recorder](#). That list includes YouTube, AdSense, Google Maps, Google Drive, Google Chromecast, and many more. The allegations also involve top Google executives, including [former sales boss Nikesh Arora](#) and Megan Smith. It will likely provide a fount of schadenfreude for every startup that ever alleged that Google used acquisition talks to pilfer their inventions.

3. Indeed, time and time again, Google has willfully infringed the patents and used the proprietary information of others without offering to compensate the owners of those patents and/or proprietary information. This case is yet another of the many occasions on which Google has unlawfully taken, rather than developed for itself and/or paid for, valuable and proprietary technology that is core to the functioning of its many businesses and products.

[In a press release](#), the plaintiffs Vedanti System Limited (VSL) and Max Sound noted that they filed two suits against Google. Max Sound acquired the licensing rights to data transmission technology originally owned by VSL Communications. One lawsuit, filed in Santa Clara County Superior Court, is related to trade secrets. The other suit, filed in U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware, accuses Google of willful patent infringement. Both complaints are now embedded below.

According to the patent complaint, the problem began in March, 2010 when VSL's CEO met with Arora to discuss "licensing or acquiring" VSL's patented technology for digital video streaming. The

filing also says that Smith, then Google's vice president of business development, signed an NDA in order to discuss VSL's technology. And that if VSL's patent portfolio met a certain requirement, Laura Majerus, part of Google's in-house counsel, then Google would "seek to buy the technology or to acquire VSL."

(Arora, who recently left for a plum position at the tech conglomerate SoftBank, was Google's [highest-paid executive in 2012](#), with a compensation package of \$51 million.)

The suit says that when negotiations between VSL and Google "stalled" and "terminated," Majerus shipped materials back to VSL pursuant to the NDA. Those materials were allegedly crawling with incriminating Post-It notes. The complaint claims that one Post-It said Google should "try" to destroy email evidence, one that said Google worried its infringement might be "reckless," and one that said Google should consider a "design around" or face litigation:

55. Included with the materials was a collection of Post-It notes, which appear to have been authored by Google personnel.

56. The Post-It notes included statements that suggest that Google intended to infringe VSL's patents and that Google's infringement was knowing and willful.

57. Examples of such statements in the Post-It notes include the following:

a. Google engineers should be discouraged from "digging deep" and should "close eyes to existing IP," and from talking further to Qualcomm IP engineer Seyfullah Oguz who had agreed to assist VSL in providing understanding to Google ;

b. Google was concerned that its infringement could be considered "recklessness" (the standard applicable to willful infringement);

c. Google had concerns that products in development should be carefully monitored because of potential infringement;

d. Google personnel should "try" to destroy incriminating emails;

e. Google needed to obtain a non-infringement opinion from outside counsel;

f. Google should evaluate the risk of getting sued for infringement if Google's infringing products were "money making"; and

g. Google should consider a "design around" because it was facing a "risk of litigation."

58. On information and belief, Google began to incorporate VSL's patented technology into WebM/VP8 soon after it initiated negotiations with VSL and received from VSL confidential information regarding VSL's patent portfolio.

The returned VSL material, it should be noted, included a working VSL codec for Google to test and analyze, copies of patents and patent applications, and a chart comparing their inventions to existing standards.

When VSL's CEO Alpesh Patel met with Arora in 2010, it was with the understanding that Google's video tech " was in desperate need of improvement." [The Recorder](#) reports:

Sure enough, Google in 2010 had begun to amend its preexisting patent applications and to file new applications using VSL's technology, according to the complaint. In 2012, VSL noticed that the video quality of Google's Android operating system and other Google software had significantly improved. In June, VSL staff analyzed Google's publicly available code and discovered it contained VSL trade secrets.

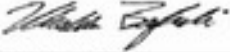
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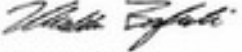
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Plaintiffs,

v.

GOOGLE, INC., YOUTUBE, LLC, ON2
TECHNOLOGIES, INC., and DOES 1-100,

Defendants.

Case No. **114CV269231**

UNLIMITED JURISDICTION

COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES AND
INJUNCTIVE RELIEF:

1. MISAPPROPRIATION OF TRADE SECRETS
2. BREACH OF CONTRACT
3. UNFAIR COMPETITION
4. CONVERSION
5. FRAUD
6. DECLARATORY RELIEF

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