



Boeing found guilty of stealing technology from electric airplane startup

Description

A federal court jury in Seattle has ruled against Boeing in a lawsuit filed by Zunum, an electric airplane startup. Zunum claimed that Boeing stole its technology and hindered its business development. The jury awarded \$81 million in damages, with the option for the judge to triple that amount. Boeing was found to have misappropriated Zunum's trade secrets and breached its contract with the startup. The jury determined that Boeing's actions were "willful and malicious," potentially leading to triple damages. Boeing argued that Zunum's failure was due to the challenges faced by a typical startup. The final outcome of the case may take years to resolve. Despite the verdict, Boeing has not publicly announced any plans for a hybrid-electric airplane. The judge will determine the exact damages to be awarded, and Boeing plans to appeal the decision.

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Vocabulary List:

1. **misappropriated** // (verb): to take (something such as money) dishonestly for your own use



2. **breached** // (verb): to not do what is required by (something such as a law or agreement) : to not act according to the terms of (something such as an agreement)
3. **willful** // (adjective): having or showing a stubborn and determined intention to do as one wants regardless of the consequences or effects
4. **malicious** // (adjective): having or showing a desire to cause harm to someone : given to marked by or arising from malice
5. **appeal** // (verb): to take action in a higher court for the purpose of reversing or modifying the decision of a lower court
6. **verdict** // (noun): the decision made by a jury in a trial : a verdict of guilty/not guilty

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. What term is used to describe the act of using something in a way that is dishonest or illegal?
Option: Unveiled
Option: Misappropriated
Option: Promises
Option: Stealth
2. What is the decision of a jury or judge in a court case called?
Option: Verdict
Option: Elite
Option: Tactical
Option: Impending
3. Which term refers to new methods or ideas that are introduced for the first time?
Option: Materials
Option: Innovations
Option: Narrative
Option: Constructively
4. Which word describes giving someone the power or authority to do something?
Option: Aesthetically
Option: Empowering
Option: Utilized
Option: Adversarial
5. What term describes carefully planned to achieve a specific end?
Option: Willful
Option: Stealth



- Option: Tactical
- Option: Conclusive

6. Which term denotes something that is about to happen?

- Option: Delving
- Option: Unravel
- Option: Pending
- Option: Efficient

7. Which word means in a way that is useful and helpful rather than negative or with hostility?

- Option: Authorised
- Option: Constructively
- Option: Promises
- Option: Impending

8. What term refers to making something visible or known?

- Option: Elite
- Option: Expose
- Option: Aesthetically
- Option: Efficient

9. What is the act of moving proceeding or acting in a covert way?

- Option: Materials
- Option: Aesthetically
- Option: Stealth
- Option: Acclaimed

10. Which term means to be highly praised or acknowledged for one's achievements?

- Option: Acclaimed
- Option: Verdict
- Option: Unveiled
- Option: Elite

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. The cyberattack was deemed _____ as it caused significant harm to the company's systems.

12. The defendant has the right to _____ the court's decision.



13. The project's success was attributed to the team's _____ effort and dedication.
14. The new software greatly _____ the efficiency of data processing within the organization.
15. Only personnel with the proper clearance are _____ to access the restricted area.
16. The workshop encouraged a _____ approach allowing all attendees to actively engage in discussions.
17. The detective spent weeks _____ into the suspect's background to gather evidence.
18. The new manufacturing process significantly improved the company's overall _____.
19. The candidate made several ambitious _____ during the election campaign.
20. The new art installation was designed to be pleasing _____ as well as conceptually.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)



21. The hacker the company's firewall gaining unauthorized access to sensitive information.
22. The film's compelling drew the audience into the protagonist's emotional journey.
23. The team embarked on an mission to uncover hidden treasures in the ancient ruins.
24. The company its latest product showcasing its innovative features to the market.
25. The new system streamlined processes making operations more and cost-effective.
26. The dark clouds hinted at the storm that was about to hit the coastal town.
27. The special forces unit is known for its highly trained and skilled members.
28. The detective arrived at a shocking after piecing together all the evidence.
29. The architect selected high-quality to ensure the durability and aesthetics of the building.
30. The team modern technology to analyze vast amounts of data for their research project.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Misappropriated 2. Verdict 3. Innovations 4. Empowering 5. Tactical 6. Pending 7. Constructively 8. Expose 9. Stealth 10. Acclaimed

Gap-Fill: 11. malicious 12. appeal 13. immense 14. utilized 15. authorized 16. participatory 17. delving 18. efficiency 19. promises 20. aesthetically

Matching sentence: 1. breached 2. narrative 3. exploration 4. unveiled 5. efficient 6. impending 7. elite 8. conclusion 9. materials 10. utilized

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