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**United States Court of Appeals  
for the Federal Circuit**

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**VISA INC., VISA U.S.A. INC., APPLE INC.,**  
*Appellants*

v.

**UNIVERSAL SECURE REGISTRY, LLC,**  
*Appellee*

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2020-1662

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Appeal from the United States Patent and Trademark  
Office, Patent Trial and Appeal Board in No. IPR2018-  
01350.

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Decided: August 27, 2021

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Before NEWMAN, PROST\*, and TARANTO, *Circuit Judges*.

PER CURIAM.

The patent at issue in this appeal is U.S. Patent No. 8,856,539, owned by Universal Secure Registry LLC (USR). Visa filed a petition for an inter partes review, challenging several claims of the '539 patent before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board, which instituted the requested review and eventually issued a final written decision that Visa had not shown the challenged claims to be unpatentable. In another case, we have affirmed a district court's judgment that all claims of the '539 patent are patent ineligible. *Universal Secure Registry LLC v. Apple Inc.*, No. 20-2044 (Fed. Cir. Aug. 26, 2021). Therefore, as the parties agreed at oral argument, this appeal involving the '539 patent is now moot. *Apple Inc. v. Voip-Pal.com, Inc.*, 976 F.3d 1316, 1321 (Fed. Cir. 2020); Oral Arg. at 12:10–12:50. We vacate the Board's final written decision and remand for the Board to dismiss Visa's petition. *See Apple*, 976 F.3d at 1321 (citing *United States v. Munsingwear, Inc.*, 340 U.S. 36, 39–41 (1950)).

No costs.

**VACATED AND REMANDED**

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\* Circuit Judge Sharon Prost vacated the position of Chief Judge on May 21, 2021.