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Class of works:

“Computer programs that enable the installation and execution of lawfully obtained software on a personal computing device, where circumvention is performed by or at the request of the device's owner.”

“Computer programs that enable wireless telephone handsets ("smartphones") and tablets to execute lawfully obtained software applications, where circumvention is undertaken for the purpose of enabling interoperability of such applications with computer programs on the handset or tablet.”

Class Numbers: 4 and 5

Argument Summary:

I plan to use my smartphone as a pocket calculator to perform specialized calculations for Radiation Therapy dose-time-fractionation decisions. This was available on my previous smartphone which ran the open PalmOS system. This system was by design unlocked and allowed users to freely distribute software on the platform, including the non-commercial software that performed the needed calculations.

Due to the specialized nature of these calculations, and the very small number of physicians who need them, a commercial application is highly unlikely. I previously made good use of my access to these calculations at the patient point-of-care, and hope to do so again using my own programming resources. Locking the smartphone (or tablet) that I purchase prevents me from applying an important professional tool for the benefit of my patients.

Please note that the above statement reflects my personal opinion, and not the views or positions of my employer, Vanderbilt University.