

In re Google RTB Consumer Privacy Litigation

Consumer, Privacy & Antitrust

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Court U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California

Case Number 21-CV-02155

Status Pending

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On June 13, 2022, Judge Gonzales Rogers of the Northern District of California denied in large part Google's motion to dismiss, upholding Plaintiffs' statutory, privacy, and contract claims. On February 21, 2024, Judge Gonzales Rogers held a hearing on the certification of the putative class. A decision on class certification is pending.