

Earl R. Larson

US District Court judge who in 1973 invalidated the ENIAC patent and declared John Vincent Atanasoff to be the first inventor of the electronic computer

QUOTATION

“Eckert and Mauchly did not themselves first invent the automatic electronic computer, but instead derived that subject matter from one Dr. John Vincent Atanasoff. “

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UPDATES

Judge Larson died October 31, 2001 (MRW, 2013)