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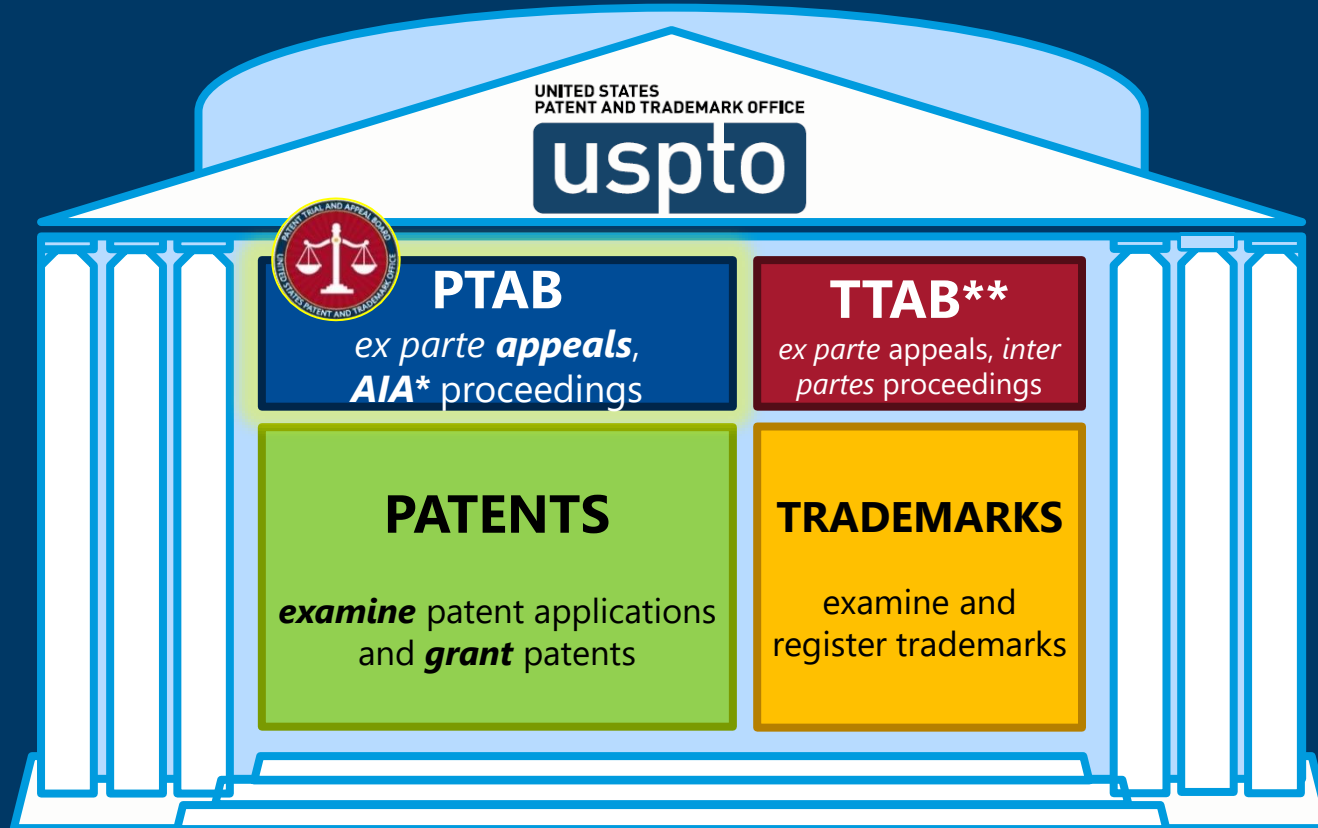


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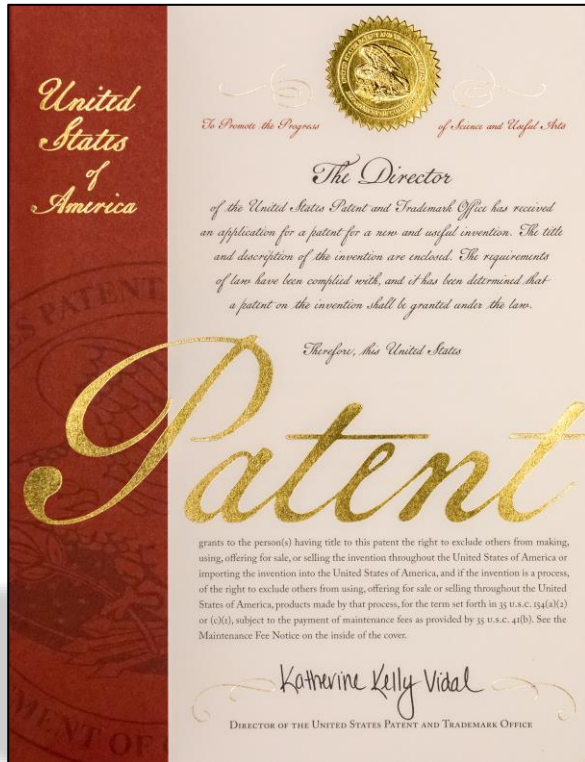
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The Patent Trial and Appeal Board

What is the Patent Trial and Appeal Board?



A patent has issued – What can happen next?



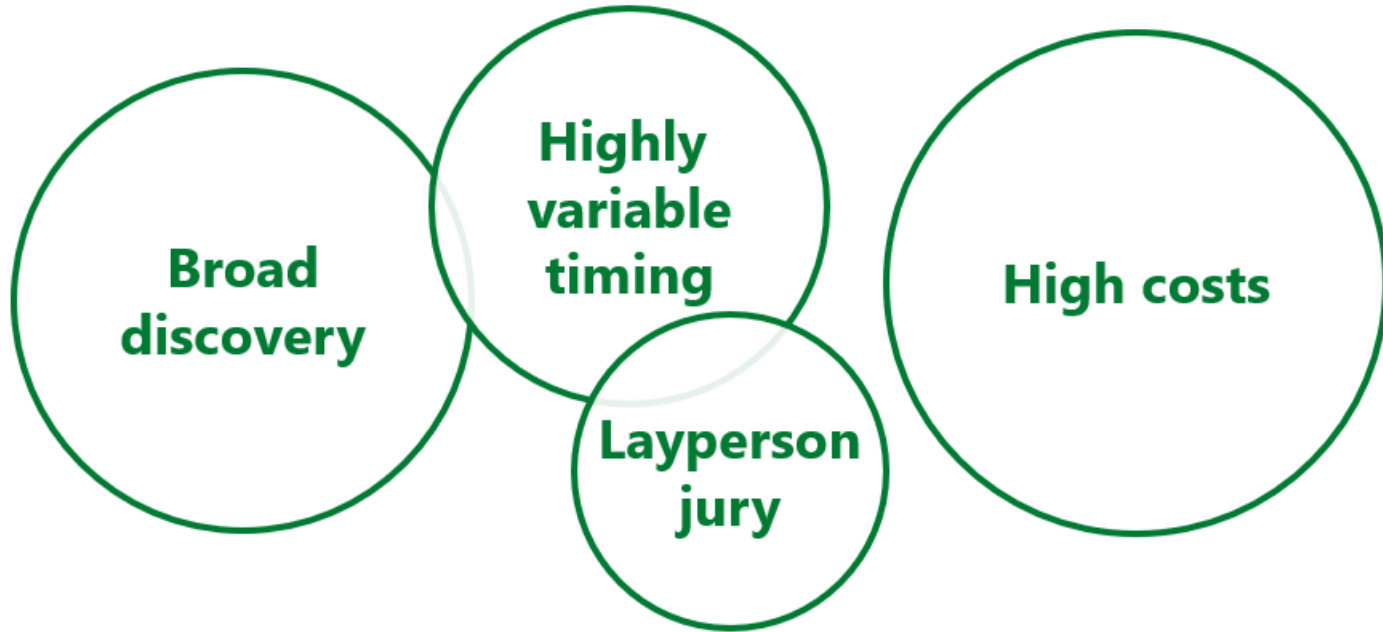
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- District Court trials
- *AIA trial proceedings*
- International Trade Commission proceedings

U.S. District Courts: Invalidity

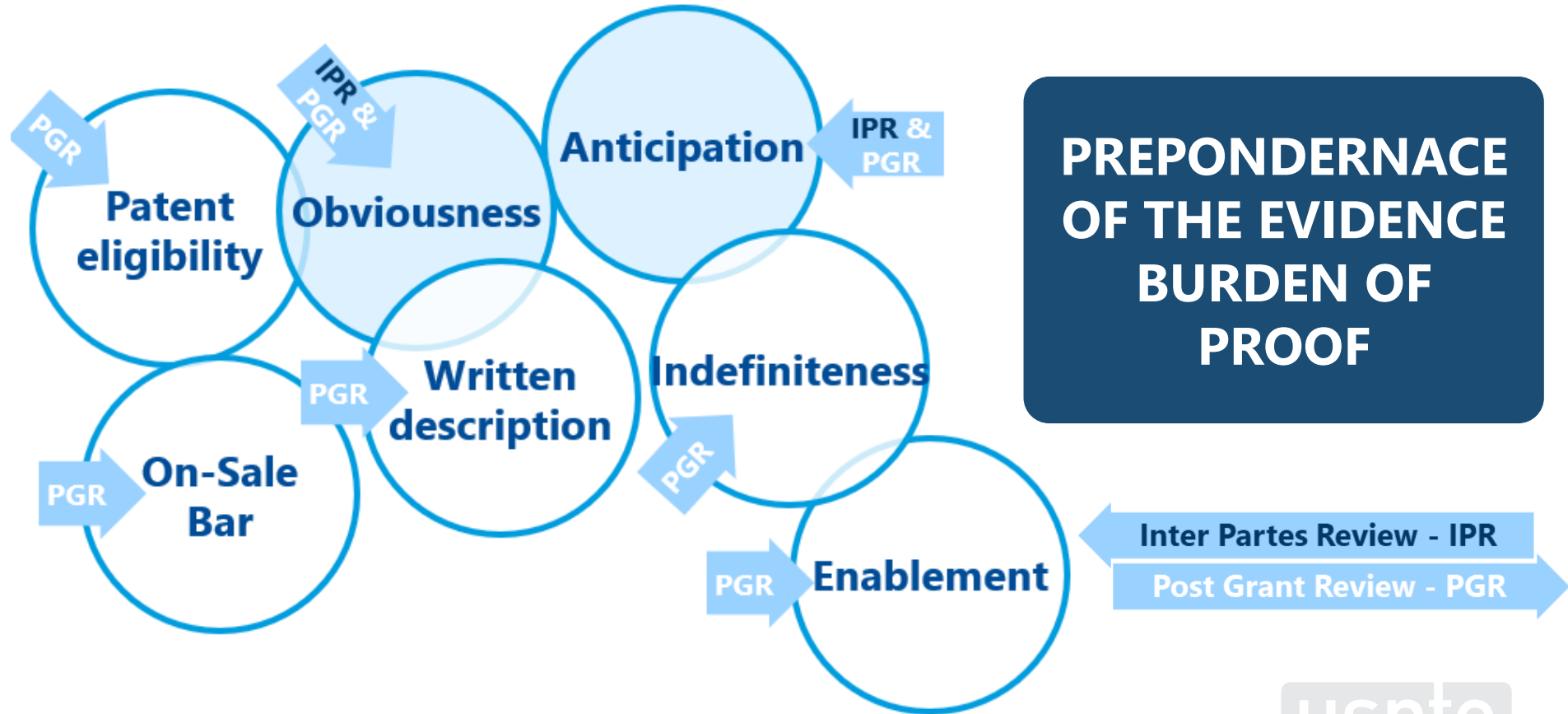


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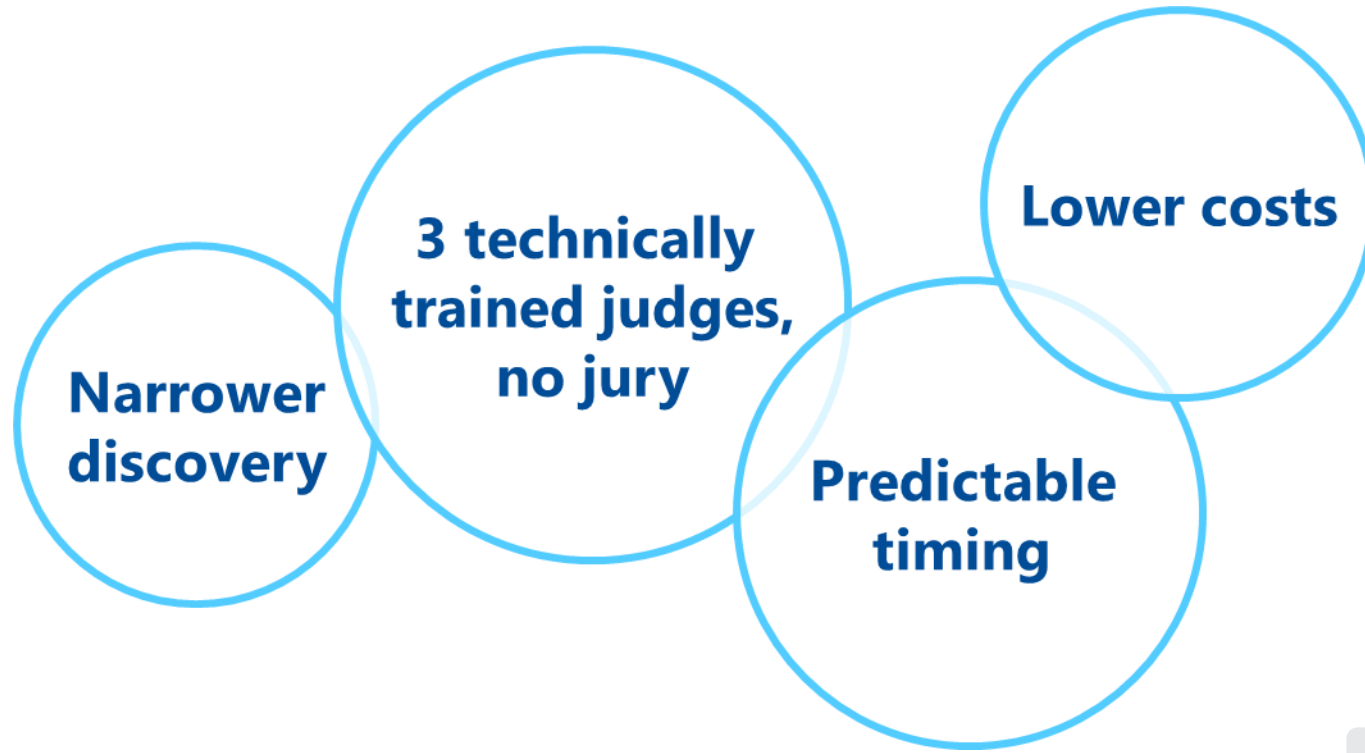
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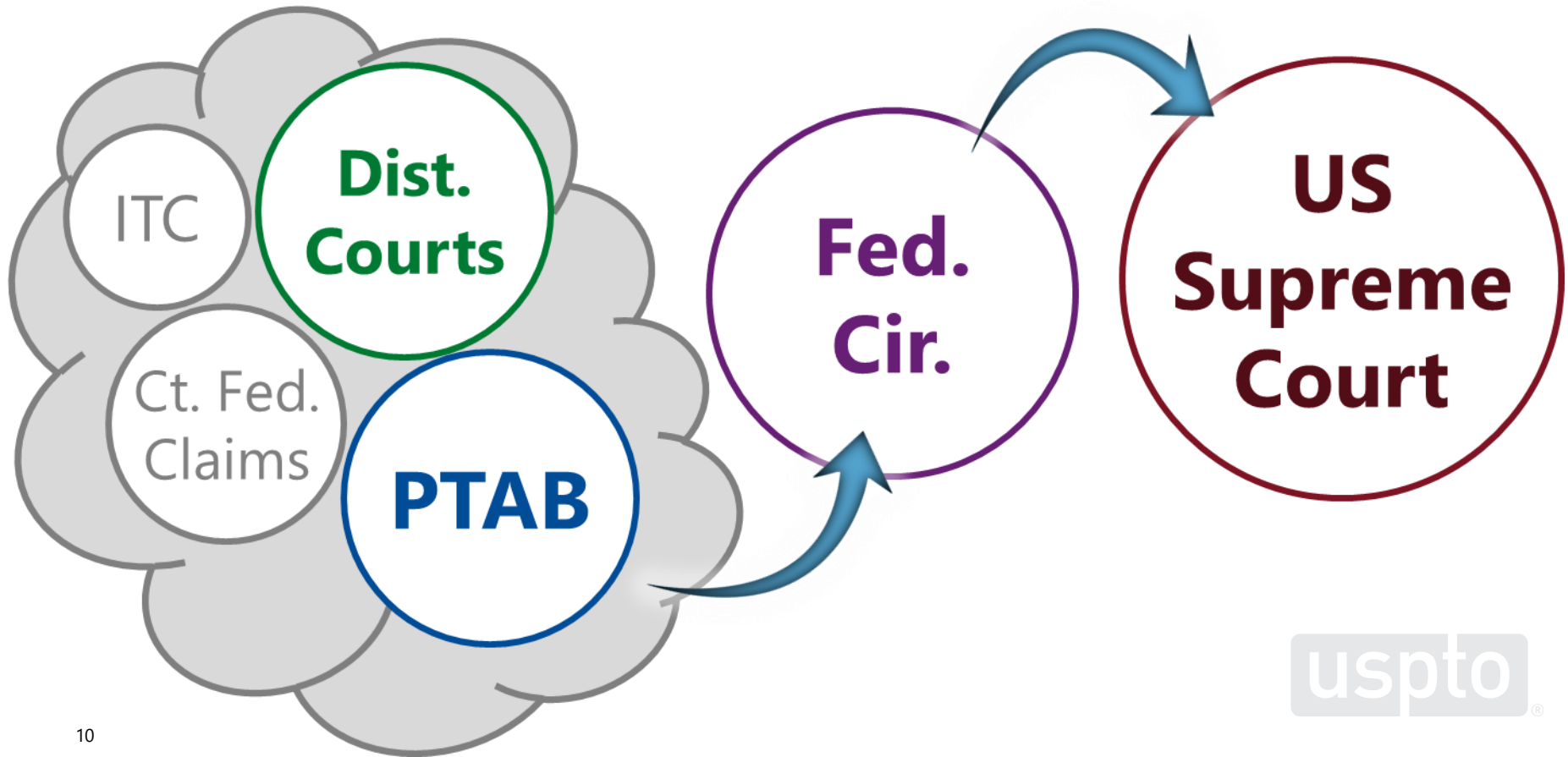
PTAB: Unpatentability



PTAB: Issues of note



Patent proceedings forums



IPRs and PGRs

AIA Proceedings

What are AIA trial proceedings?

America Invents Act (AIA) – Congress revised the Patent Act to provide an additional forum to address patentability/validity disputes

AIA proceedings are intended to be **streamlined**, **efficient**, and **cost effective**



Who is involved in an AIA trial proceeding?

Petitioner

Files petition challenging a U.S. patent; must pay a filing fee

Carries legal burden to prove claims unpatentable

Patent Owner

Has opportunities to represent its interests

Panel

Typically three administrative patent judges



Types of AIA trial proceedings

Inter Partes Review (IPR): can challenge claims based on prior art (patents or printed publications)

Post-Grant Review (PGR): can challenge claims based on prior art and other bases

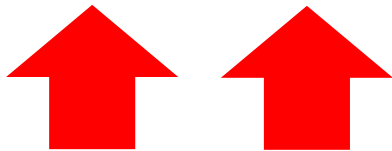
Comparison of IPR and PGR

Trial Type	Who Can File	Applicability	Availability	Basis
<i>Inter partes</i> review (IPR)	Person who is: (a) not the patent owner, (b) has not previously filed a civil action challenging the validity of a claim of the patent, and (c) has not been served with a complaint alleging infringement of the patent more than 1 year prior (exception for joinder).	Any patent.	For first-to-invent patents: anytime after patent grant or reissue. For first-inventor-to-file patents: from the later of: (a) 9 months after patent grant or reissue; or (b) the date of termination of any post grant review.	Patent Act Sections 102 and 103 based on anticipation and obviousness over patents and printed publications.
Post-grant review (PGR)	Person who is: (a) not the patent owner, and (b) has not previously filed a civil action challenging the validity of a claim of the patent.	Patent issued after the AIA went into effect.	Must be filed within 9 months of patent grant or reissue.	Patent Act Sections 101, 102, 103, 112 (but not best mode), and double patenting.

AIA proceeding timeline



Petition Phase: Briefing



Petition Phase: Institution



Overview of Institution Decision

The Board issues a **written decision** indicating whether it will start an AIA trial.

Petitioner must demonstrate a **reasonable likelihood** that it would prevail with respect to at least 1 of the claims challenged in IPR petition (PGR standard is *more likely than not*).

Overview of Institution Decision

Based on the record at institution, the Board generally provides parties **guidance about the Board's preliminary views** on the competing arguments.

This guidance allows parties to **focus their arguments** and may inform other options such as settlement, claim amendment, claim disclaimer, or request for adverse judgment on some claims or grounds.

Overview of Institution Decision

Party dissatisfied with the Board's institution decision **may request rehearing** (by the Board) as to points the Panel overlooked or misapprehended.

Party dissatisfied may alternatively request Director Review

Institution decisions are **generally not appealable** to the Federal Circuit.



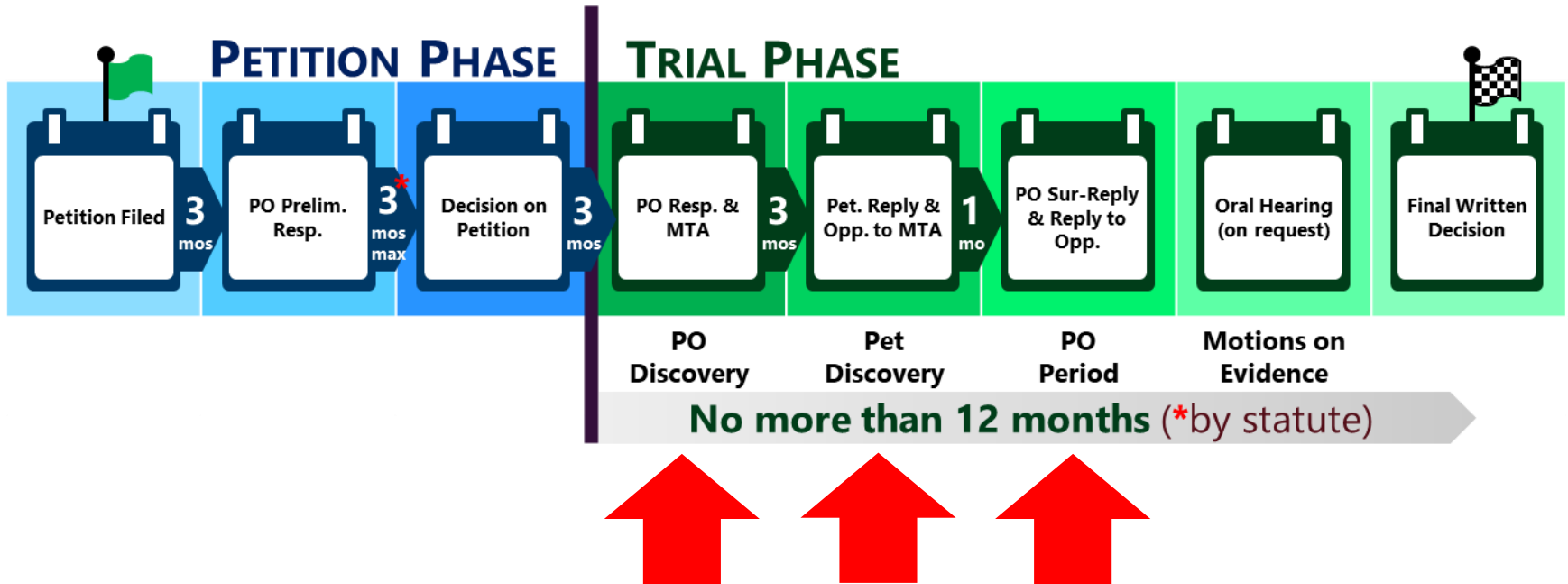
Overview of Institution Decision

The Board will enter a **Scheduling Order** concurrent with a decision to institute a trial:

Scheduling Order **sets due dates** for the trial to ensure completion within one year of institution

A sample Scheduling Order is available in the **Trial Practice Guide** (www.uspto.gov/TrialPracticeGuideConsolidated)

Trial Phase: Briefing



Trial Phase: Evidence motions & hearing



mo·tion ('mō-shən)

an **application**

made to a court or **judge**

to obtain an **order, ruling**, or direction

www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/motion



Common motions in AIA proceedings



Trial Phase: Final Written Decision



What are the possible outcomes?

The outcome may be that all challenged claims are upheld, some challenged claims are upheld, or none of the challenged claims are upheld.

All claims patentable: Every challenged claim upheld

Mixed: At least one challenged claim, but not all, upheld

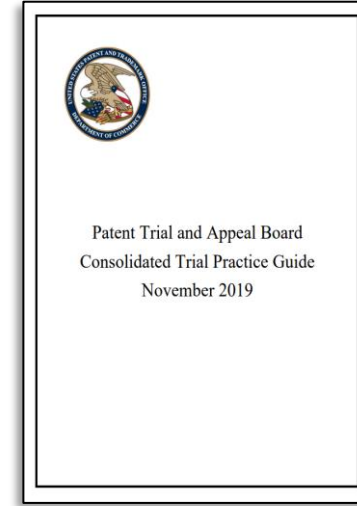
All claims unpatentable: No challenged claim upheld



What happens next?

- Panel rehearing
- Director Review
- Appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

Resources



The Patent Act – Title 35 of U.S. Code

(www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_laws.pdf)

Rules – 37 C.F.R. Part 42 (§§ 42.1 – 42.224)

(www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/CFR-2022-title37-vol1/pdf/CFR-2022-title37-vol1.pdf)

Trial Practice Guide (www.uspto.gov/TrialPracticeGuideConsolidated)

Amerigen Pharmaceuticals, Ltd. v. Janssen Oncology, Inc.

IPR2016-00286

U.S. Patent 8,822,438

Case file

Petition

In the United States Patent and Trademark Office

Before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board

AMERIGEN PHARMACEUTICALS, LTD.

Petitioner

v.

JANSSEN ONCOLOGY, INC.,

Patent Owner

U.S. Patent No. 8,822,438 to Auerbach
Issue Date: September 2, 2014
Title: Methods and Compositions for Treating

Inter Partes Review No. Unassigned

Petition for *Inter Partes* Review of U.S. Patent No. 8,822,438
35 U.S.C. §§ 311-319 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 42.1-42.80

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Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Submitted Electronically via the Patent Review Processing System

Amerigen Pharmaceuticals, Ltd. ("Petitioner") petitions for *Inter Partes* Review of claims 1 - 20 of U.S. Patent No. 8,822,438 to Auerbach *et al.* ("the '438 patent") (AMG Ex. 1001), which is assigned to Janssen Oncology, Inc. ("Janssen"), under 35 U.S.C. §§ 311-319 and 37 C.F.R. Part 42 and a determination that all claims (1-20) of the '438 patent be canceled as unpatentable.

Preliminary response

Paper No. _____
Date Filed: March 10, 2016

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CASE No. IPR2016-00286
U.S. Patent No. 8,822,438 B2

JANSSEN ONCOLOGY, INC.'S PATENT OWNER PRELIMINARY
RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 42.107

Patent Owner Janssen Oncology, Inc. (“Janssen”) submits this Patent Owner Preliminary Response to the Petition by Amerigen Pharmaceuticals Limited (“Amerigen”) for *Inter Partes* Review (“IPR”) of U.S. Patent No. 8,822,438 (the “438 patent”). The Board should deny Amerigen’s petition because it does not establish that Amerigen has a reasonable likelihood of prevailing on obviousness with respect to any challenged claim.

PTAB's institution decision

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Paper 14
Entered: May 31, 2016

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IPR2016-00286
Patent 8,822,438 B2

Before LORA M. GREEN, RAMA G. ELLURU, and
KRISTINA M. KALAN, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

KALAN, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

DECISION
Institution of *Inter Partes* Review
37 C.F.R. § 42.108

Amerigen Pharmaceuticals Limited (“Petitioner”) filed a Petition (Paper 1, “Pet.”) to institute an *inter partes* review of claims 1–20 of U.S. Patent No. 8,822,438 B2 (Ex. 1001, “the ’438 patent”) pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §§ 311–319. Janssen Oncology, Inc. (“Patent Owner”) filed a Preliminary Response (Paper 12, “Prelim. Resp.”). Applying the standard set forth in 35 U.S.C. § 314(a), which requires demonstration of a reasonable likelihood that Petitioner would prevail with respect to at least one challenged claim, we institute an *inter partes* review as to claims 1–20 as discussed below.

Patent owner request for rehearing

Paper No. _____
Date Filed: June 14, 2016

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PATENT OWNER'S REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 42.71(c)

(1) the Decision overlooks the petitioner's failure to proffer any evidence on the necessary element of administering a "therapeutically effective amount of prednisone," as well as petitioner's repeated admissions that this element, as properly construed by the Board to require an anti-cancer effective amount of prednisone, is neither taught nor suggested by the prior art; and

(2) the Decision fails to appropriately credit the Patent Office's prior finding of commercial success, instead inappropriately crediting petitioner's declaration refuting that finding, notwithstanding the statutory prohibition against instituting an *inter partes* review based on anything other than prior art patents and publications.

Denied

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Paper 23
Entered: July 21, 2016

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Case IPR2016-00286
Patent 8,822,438 B2

Before LORA M. GREEN, RAMA G. ELLURU, and
KRISTINA M. KALAN, *Administrative Patent Judges*.

KALAN, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

DECISION
Patent Owner's Request for Rehearing
37 C.F.R. § 42.71

In its Request for Rehearing, Patent Owner contends that (1) the Decision to Institute ignores Petitioner's admissions that the prior art does not teach or suggest the claim element "a therapeutically effective amount of prednisone" (Req. 5–10); and (2) the Board fails to credit the Patent Office's prior determination of commercial success and Petitioner's admission of unexpected results (*id.* at 10–13). We disagree.

Patent owner's response

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Patent 8,822,438 B2

PATENT OWNER'S RESPONSE

¹ Case IPR2016-01317 has been joined with this proceeding

In challenging the claims, Petitioners point to no prior art that even hints at the possibility that the administration of prednisone in combination with abiraterone acetate could provide any surprising or unexpected benefit in treating the cancer. Petitioners thus side-step the benefit of the claimed invention to argue that prednisone would have been co-administered with abiraterone acetate therapy for “safety and tolerability” reasons. But the very prior art references relied upon by Petitioners show just the opposite: the prior art shows that abiraterone acetate was *very well-tolerated, meaning no further drug therapy was needed for “safety and tolerability” reasons.*

Petitioner's reply

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Amerigen Pharmaceuticals Limited and Argentum Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Petitioners

v.

Janssen Oncology, Inc.
Patent Owner

U.S. Patent No. 8,822,438 to Auerbach et al.
Issue Date: September 2, 2014
Title: Methods and Compositions for Treating Cancer

Inter Partes Review No. 2016-01317

PETITIONERS' REPLY TO PATENT OWNER'S
RESPONSE TO PETITIONERS' REPLY

Faced with this clear teaching in the prior art, Patent Owner attempts to argue that those clear statements do not actually mean what they say, and that a POSA would have disregarded these unequivocal teachings, performed their own analysis of the underlying data, and reached a contrary conclusion. See PO Response at 39-41. The evidence, however, does not support Patent Owner's attempt to undo the teachings of the prior art. Instead, a POSA would have

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Parties' motions (common ones)

Both: for admission
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PO: to exclude evidence

PO: to seal

PO: to file evidence

Oral argument

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Held: February 16, 2017

BEFORE: LORA M. GREEN, RAMA G. ELLURU,
KRISTINA M. KALAN, Administrative Patent

The above-entitled matter came on for hearing
February 16, 2017, commencing at 1:00 p.m., in the
Patent and Trademark Office, 600 Dulany Street,
Alexandria, Virginia.

3 JUDGE GREEN: This is the final oral hearing in
4 IPR2016-00286 involving patent number 8,822,438.
5 IPR2016-01317 has been joined with this proceeding. I am Judge
6 Green. Beside me is Rama Elluru. And Judge Kalan is joining us
7 from Denver. As set forth in our hearing order, each side will
8 have 45 minutes. Petitioner will go first to present its case in
9 chief followed by patent owner. Petitioner may reserve time for
10 rebuttal.

Evidence



**Pet. filed
191
exhibits**



**PO filed
128
exhibits**

PTAB's final written decision

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Paper 86
Entered: January 17, 2018

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KRISTINA M. KALAN, *Administrative Patent Judges*
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FINAL WRITTEN DECISION
35 U.S.C. § 318(a) and 37 C.F.R. § 42.101

Having considered the parties' arguments and evidence, we evaluate all of the evidence together to make a final determination of obviousness. *In re Cyclobenzaprine Hydrochloride Extended-Release Capsule Patent Litig.*, 676 F.3d 1063, 1075 (Fed. Cir. 2012) (stating that a fact finder must consider all evidence relating to obviousness before finding patent claims invalid). In so doing, we conclude that Petitioner has satisfied its burden of demonstrating, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the subject matter of claims 1–20 would have been obvious over the combination of Gerber and O'Donnell and that claims 1–4 and 6–11 would have been obvious over the combination of Gerber and Barrie.

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Patent owner's request for rehearing

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Janssen Oncology, Inc. (“Patent Owner”) respectfully requests rehearing of the Board’s Final Written Decision (Paper 86) regarding U.S. Patent 8,822,438 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §42.71(d). The Board misapprehended or overlooked evidence, and improperly relied on theories and evidence presented only in Petitioners’ Reply, to find claims 1-20 unpatentable as obvious.

Denied

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JACQUELINE T. HARLOW, *Administrative Patent J*

KALAN, *Administrative Patent Judge*.

DECISION
Denying Patent Owner's Request for Re
37 C.F.R. § 42.71(d)

¹ Case IPR2016-01317 has been joined with this process.
² A Panel Change Order issued on September 28, 2018
judges named herein now constitute the panel. Paper 5

We have reviewed and considered the arguments in Patent Owner's Request and conclude that Patent Owner has not carried its burden of demonstrating that the Board misapprehended or overlooked any matters in rendering the Final Written Decision. 37 C.F.R. § 42.71(d). Rather, Patent Owner uses its Request as an opportunity to argue positions with which we disagreed in our Final Written Decision. Merely disagreeing with our analysis or conclusions does not serve as a proper basis for a request for rehearing. Patent Owner also uses its Request to raise matters without adequately demonstrating where those matters previously were raised. Thus, Patent Owner's challenge does not meet the standard set forth for a request for rehearing.

The Request for Rehearing is *denied*.

Patent owner's appeal

Paper No. ____
Date Filed: December 19, 2018

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PATENT OWNER'S NOTICE OF APPEAL

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 90.2(a)(3)(ii), Janssen indicates that the issues on appeal include, but are not limited to: the Board's determination of unpatentability of claims 1-20 of U.S. Patent No. 8,822,438 (the "'438 patent") under 35 U.S.C. § 103, and any finding or determination supporting or related to this issue, as well as all other issues decided adversely to Janssen in any orders, decisions, rulings and opinions.

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Federal Circuit holding

BTG International Limited v. Amneal Pharmaceuticals LLC, 923 F.3d 1063 (2019)

KeyCite Yellow Flag - Negative Treatment
Distinguished by *In re Ezmeto (Sacubitril/Valsartan) Patent Litigation*,
D.Del., July 7, 2023

923 F.3d 1063

United States Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit.

BTG INTERNATIONAL LIMITED,
Janssen Biotech, Inc., Janssen
Oncology, Inc., Janssen Research &
Development, LLC, Plaintiffs-Appellants
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AMNEAL PHARMACEUTICALS LLC,
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LLC, Dr. Reddy's Laboratories, Inc., Dr.
Reddy's Laboratories, Ltd., Wockhardt Bio
AG, Wockhardt USA LLC, Wockhardt Ltd.,
Mylan Pharmaceuticals Inc., Mylan Inc.,
West-Ward Pharmaceuticals Corp., nka
Hikma Pharmaceuticals USA Inc., Hikma
Pharmaceuticals LLC, Teva Pharmaceuticals
USA, Inc., Defendants-Appellees
Par Pharmaceutical, Inc., Par
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Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Defendants
BTG International Limited, Janssen Biotech,
Inc., Janssen Oncology, Inc., Janssen Research
& Development, LLC, Plaintiffs-Appellants
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Inc., Amerigen Pharmaceuticals
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Argentum Pharmaceuticals LLC, Appellees
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of New York, LLC, Dr. Reddy's Laboratories,
Inc., Dr. Reddy's Laboratories, Ltd.,
Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc., West-
Ward Pharmaceutical Corporation,
Hikma Pharmaceuticals LLC, Appellees
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appealed. Appeals were consolidated.

[Holding:] The Court of Appeals, Wallach, Circuit
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determination that claims were invalid as obvious.

Affirmed in part and dismissed in part.

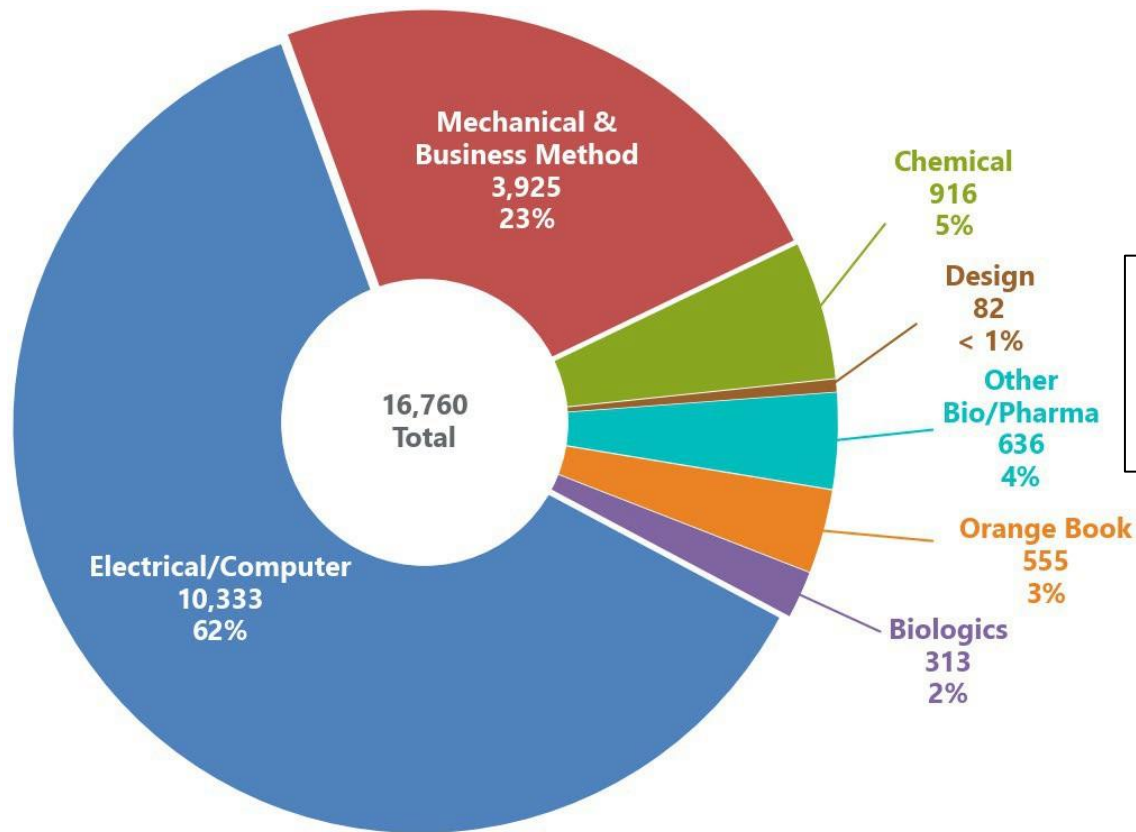
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PTAB Orange Book patent/biologic patent study
FY24 Q2 Update (through March 31, 2024)

Statistics

AIA petitions filed by technology

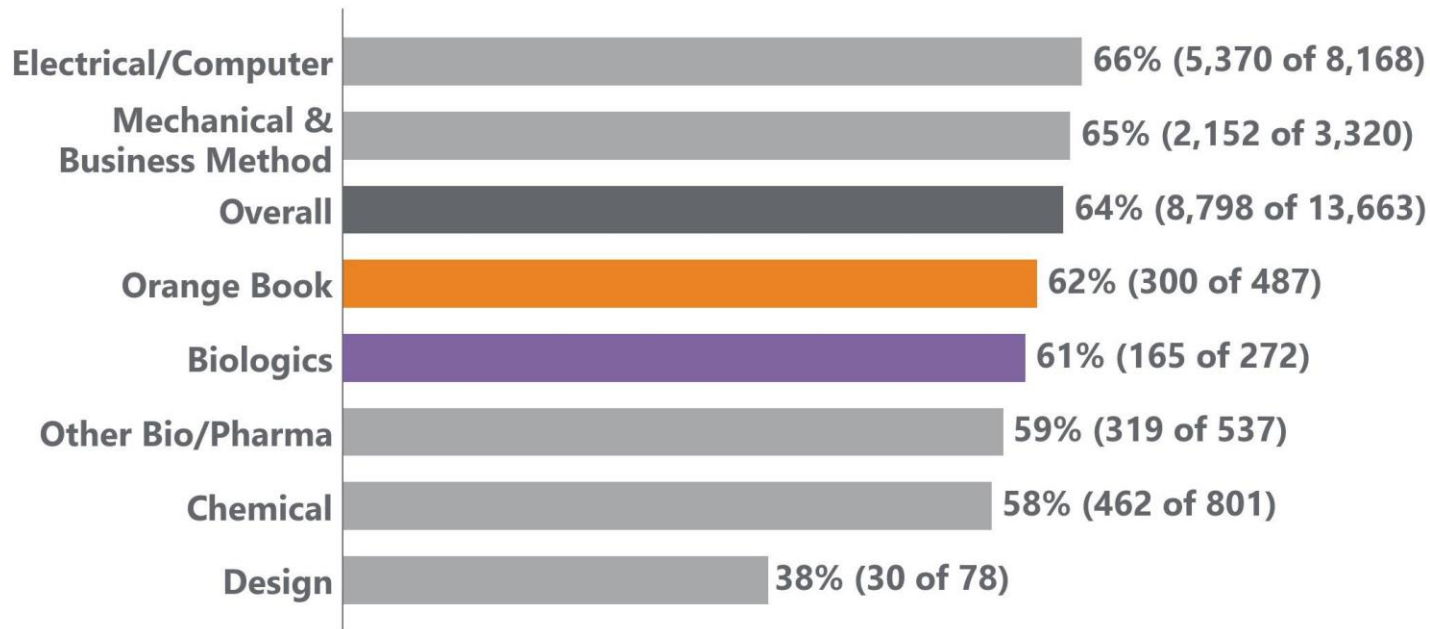
(Sept. 16, 2012 to Mar. 31, 2024)



3% of all AIA petitions challenge **Orange Book patents**
2% of all AIA petitions challenge **biologic patents**

Institution rates by technology

(Sept. 16, 2012 to Mar. 31, 2024)

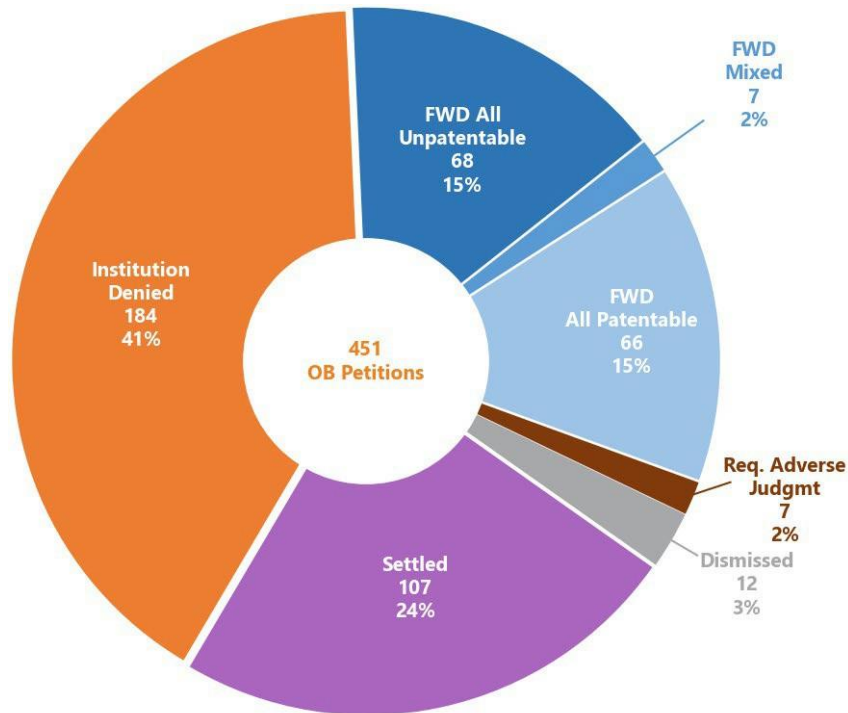


The institution rate for **biologic patents (61%)** is similar to the institution rate for **Orange Book patents (62%)**

Institution rate for each technology is calculated by dividing petitions instituted by decisions on institution (i.e., petitions instituted plus petitions denied). The outcomes of decisions on institution responsive to requests for rehearing are excluded.



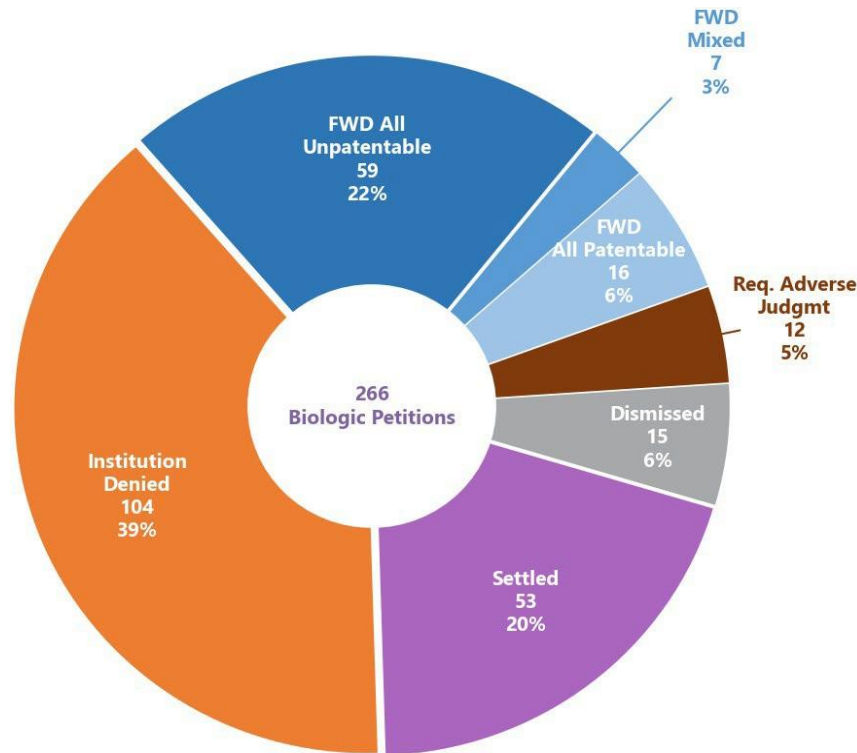
Outcomes of AIA petitions challenging Orange Book patents (Sept. 16, 2012 to Mar. 31, 2024)



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Outcomes of AIA petitions challenging biologic patents (Sept. 16, 2012 to Mar. 31, 2024)

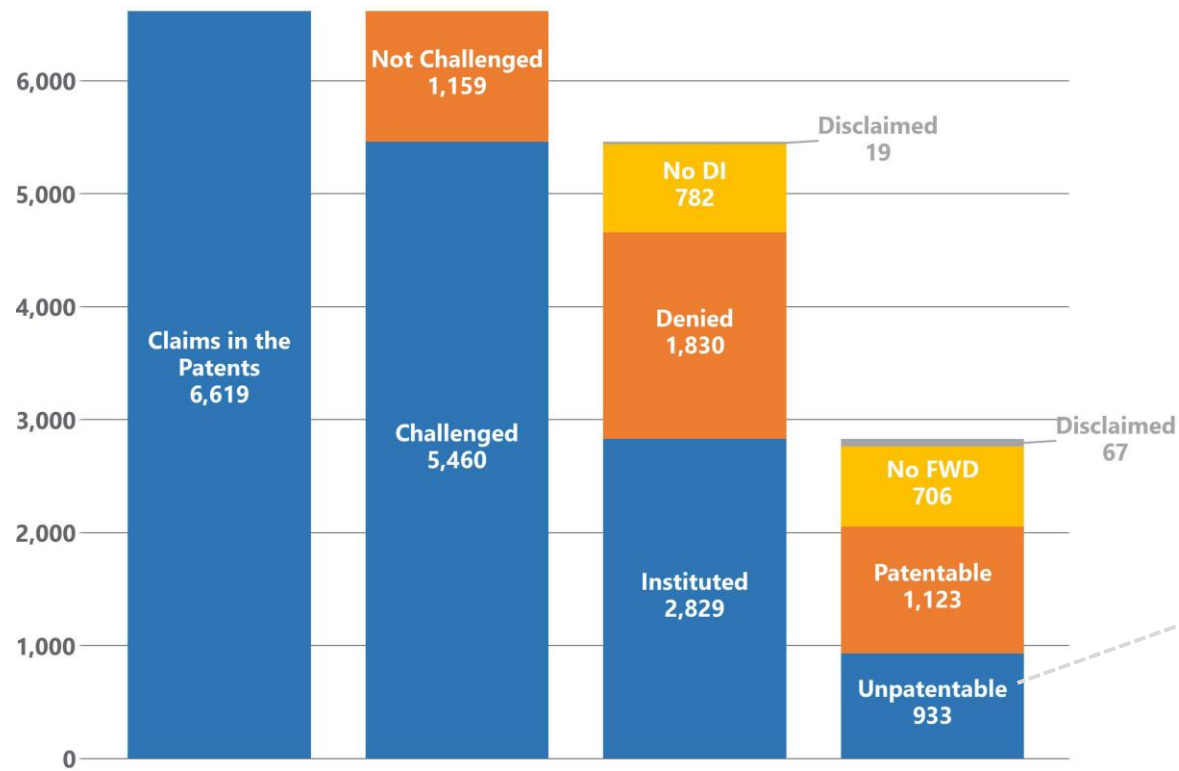


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Claim outcomes for Orange Book patents

(Sept. 16, 2012 to Mar. 31, 2024)



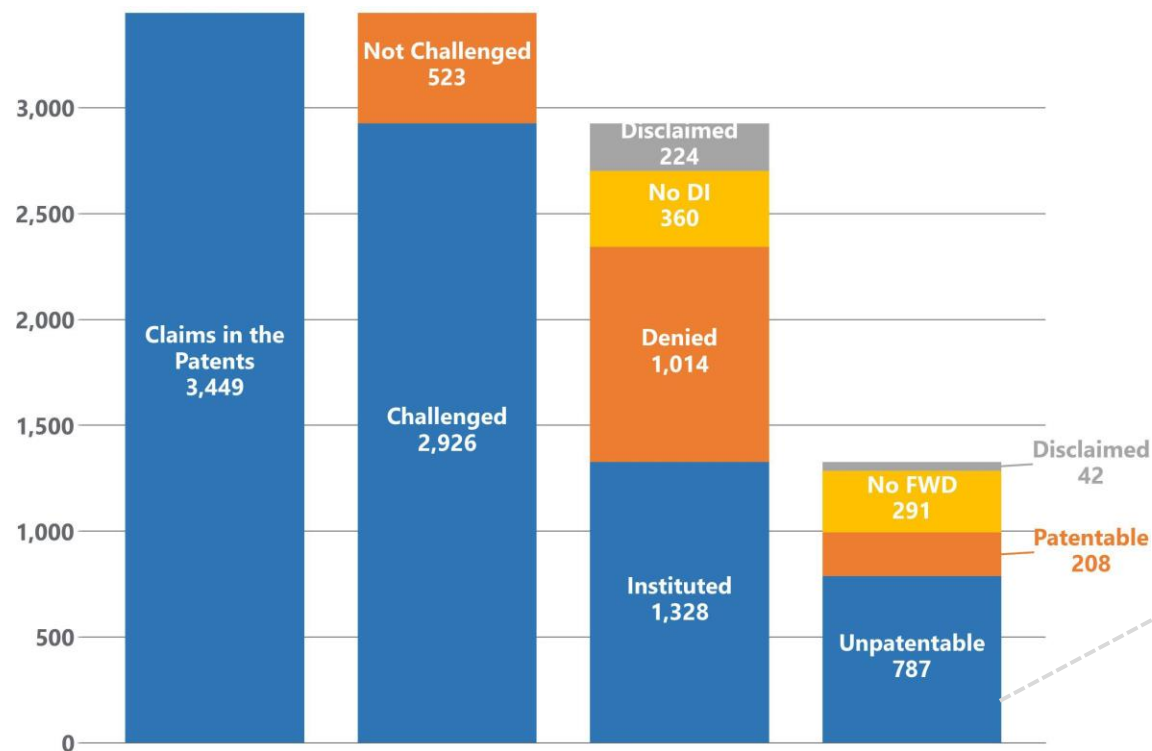
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Orange Book patents:

17% of challenged claims and 33% of instituted claims were found unpatentable by a preponderance of the evidence

Claim outcomes for biologic patents

(Sept. 16, 2012 to Mar. 31, 2024)



*"No DI" and "No FWD" means the claim was challenged but not addressed in a DI/FWD, e.g., due to settlement.

Biologic patents:

27% of challenged claims and 59% of instituted claims were found unpatentable by a preponderance of the evidence

Questions?

