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A Look at Thirty Months
of *Inter Partes* Review
Proceedings Before the
United States Patent and
Trademark Office



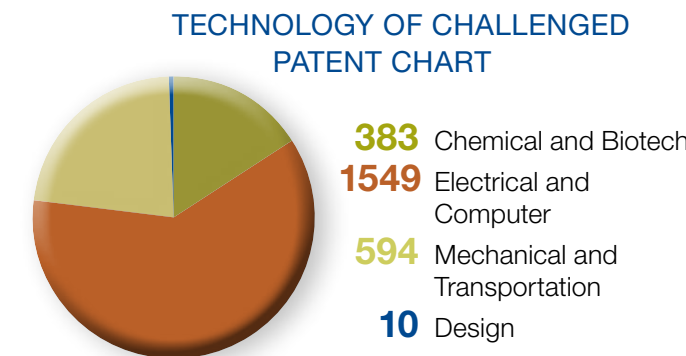
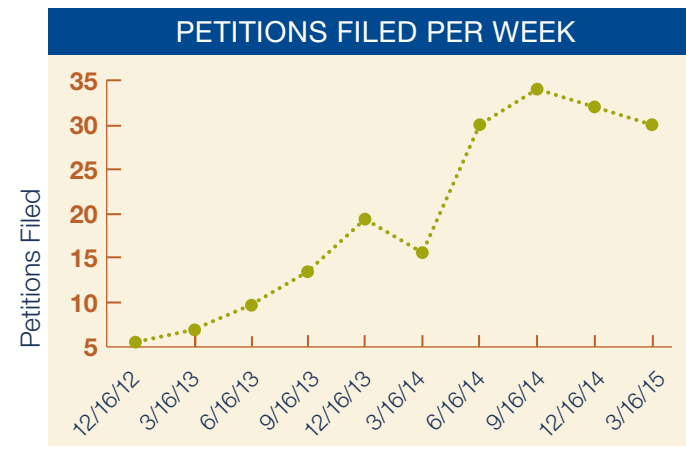
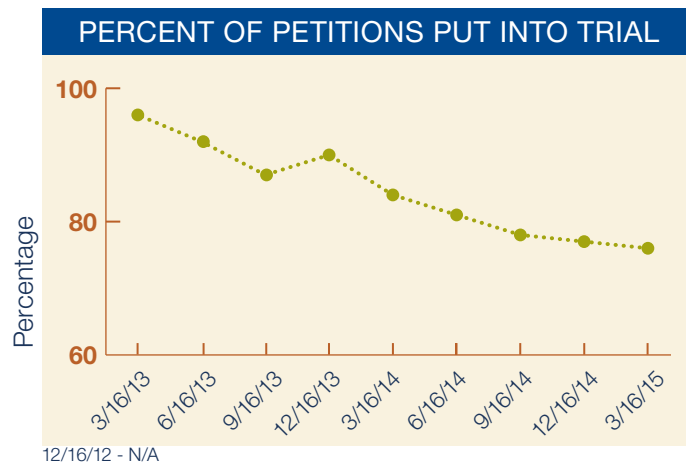
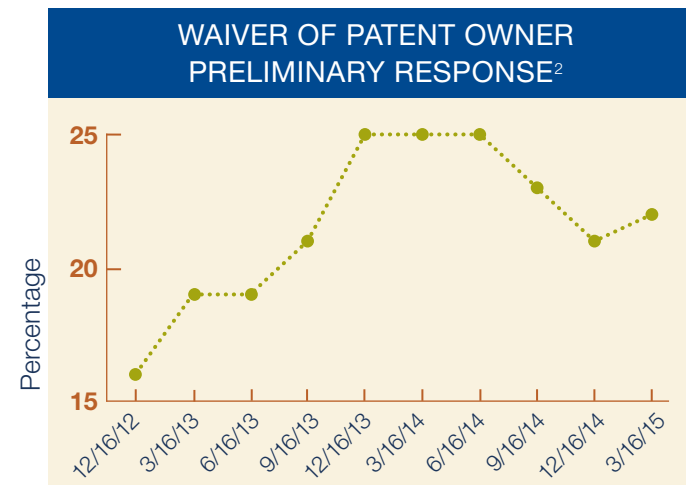
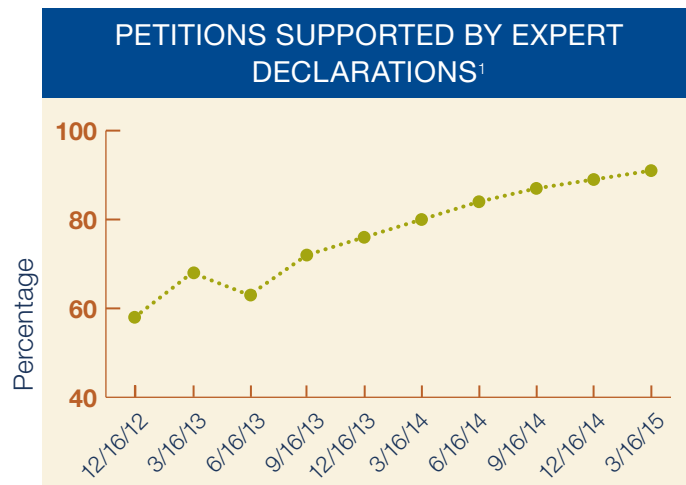
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While the initial Final Written Decisions were decidedly in favor of Petitioners (a 96.4% cancellation rate as of March 16, 2014), more recent decisions have increasingly sided with Patent Owners, bringing down the total number of canceled claims to 84.8%. Critics of IPR proceedings try to argue the various ways in which the proceedings are skewed toward Petitioners. It is becoming increasingly clear, however, that the *Inter Partes* Review process has added an efficient and cost-effective avenue to test the patentability of patent claims outside expensive, District Court litigation.

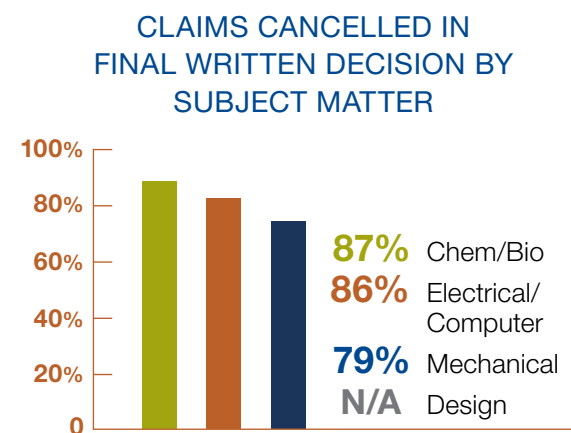
PRELIMINARY STAGE Preliminary Stage of the Proceedings (Petition Filing through PTAB Trial Initiation Decision)

TRIAL STAGE Trial Stage of the Proceedings (PTAB Trial Initiation Decision through Final Written Decision)



TOP 6 IPR FILERS

105		75	
68		54	
49		38	



¹ Over time, Petitioners have come to recognize that their Petitions must be supported by hard evidence in the form of expert testimony.

² As Patent Owners have come to realize that substantive attacks on a Petition are less successful without expert testimony, they have waived the Preliminary Patent Owner Response in increasing numbers.

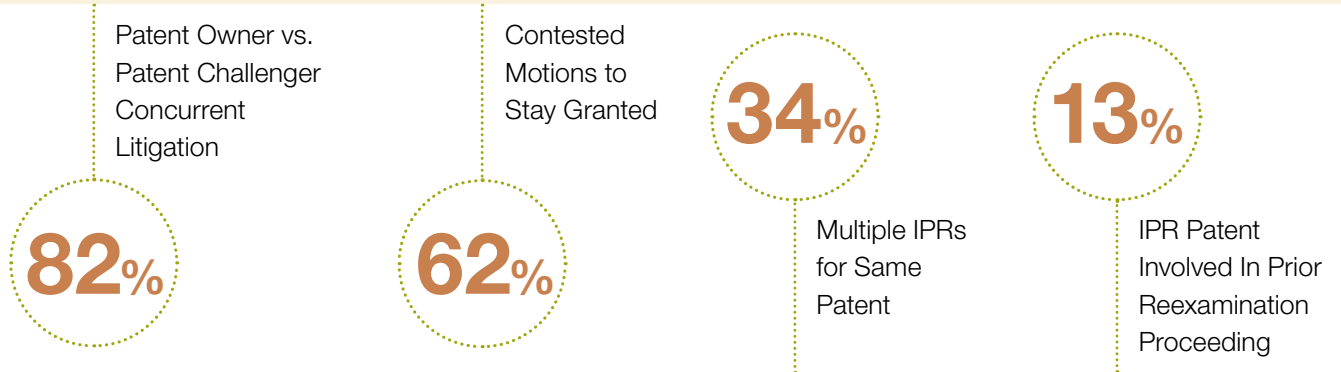
³ As the PTAB's workload has steadily increased, the time to a Decision to Initiate has gradually climbed, as well. While the Board has statutorily been provided with three months to make that decision, it is taking about two weeks less than the full statutory allotment to come to a Decision to Initiate.

⁴ Percent of claims that were confirmed as patentable in a Decision to Institute or Final Written Decision.

⁵ A total of three motions to amend have been granted through March 16, 2015.

CONCURRENT PROCEEDINGS

Litigation and other Administrative Proceedings Involving the Patent-At-Issue



Increasingly, and to get around the PTAB's onerous Motion to Amend requirements, Patent Owners are filing concurrent reissue or reexamination proceedings to offer a more robust substitute claim set.

COURTS WITH HIGHEST WIN RATE FOR MOTIONS TO STAY⁶

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA	100%
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS	100%
EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA	100%
WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE	83.3%
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS	80%

COURTS WITH LOWEST WIN RATE FOR MOTIONS TO STAY⁶

EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS	15.3%
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK	25%
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA	30%
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS	40%
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA	41.7%

⁶ For district courts with four or more decisions on motions to stay

HARNESS DICKEY HAS DEMONSTRATED EXPERTISE IN PATENT OFFICE LITIGATION

Harness Dickey has developed the expertise to handle the specialized *Inter Partes* Review (and Post Grant Review) proceedings. That expertise shows in the results we are achieving for our clients. Please contact us at ipr-pgr@hdp.com with any questions or to discuss our expertise, including a more complete array of statistics than presented here. Also, you can follow our updates on important PTAB decisions and developments at IPR-PGR.com.

Microsoft Corp. v. Proxycorr, Inc. (IPR2012-00026; IPR2013-00109); *LKQ Corp. v. Clearlamp, LLC* (IPR2013-00020); *Athena Automation Ltd. v. Husky Injection Molding Sys., Ltd.* (IPR2013-00167; IPR2013-00169, IPR2013-00290); *Bomtech Elect. Co., Ltd. v. MT. Derm GmbH* (IPR2014-00137; IPR2014-00138); *Heartland Tanning, Inc. v. Sunless, Inc.* (IPR2014-00018); *Laird Tech., Inc. v. GrafTech Int'l Holdings, Inc.* (IPR2014-00023; IPR2014-00024; IPR2014-00025); *Histologics, LLC v. CDx Diag., Inc.* (IPR2014-00779); *Webasto Roof Sys., Inc. v. UUSI, LLC* (IPR2014-00648; IPR2014-00649; IPR2014-00650); *Brose North Am. V. UUSI, LLC* (IPR2014-00416; IPR2014-00417); *Positec USA, Inc. v. Black & Decker, Inc.* (IPR2013-00502); *Plant Science, Inc. v. The Andersons Agriservices, Inc.* (IPR2014-00939; IPR2014-00940; IPR2014-00941); *HTC Corp. v. FlashPoint Tech., Inc.* (IPR2014-00902; IPR2014-00903; IPR2014-00934; IPR2014-01249; IPR2014-01460); *Fresh Products v. Ed Ramirez* (IPR2015-00475); *Enovate Medical v. Intermetro Industries Corporation* (IPR2015-00301); *Cequent Performance Products v. Hopkins Manufacturing Corporation* (IPR2015-00605); *Victaulic Company v. The Viking Corporation* (IPR2015-00423)

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