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PTAB Update

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A detailed technical drawing of a mechanical assembly, likely a piston and crankshaft, rendered in a light gray line-art style. The drawing includes various hatching patterns to indicate different materials and cross-sections. Numerous numerical callouts are scattered throughout the drawing, such as 80, 84, 86, 82, 40, 30, 24, 34, 32, 52, 50, and 48, pointing to specific components or features.

PTAB Procedural Reform Initiative: Status

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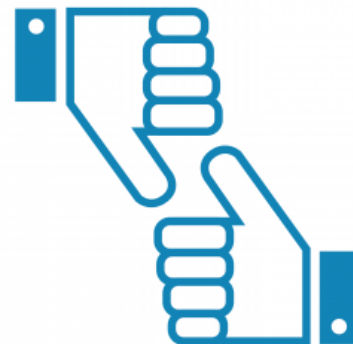
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Ex Parte Appeals

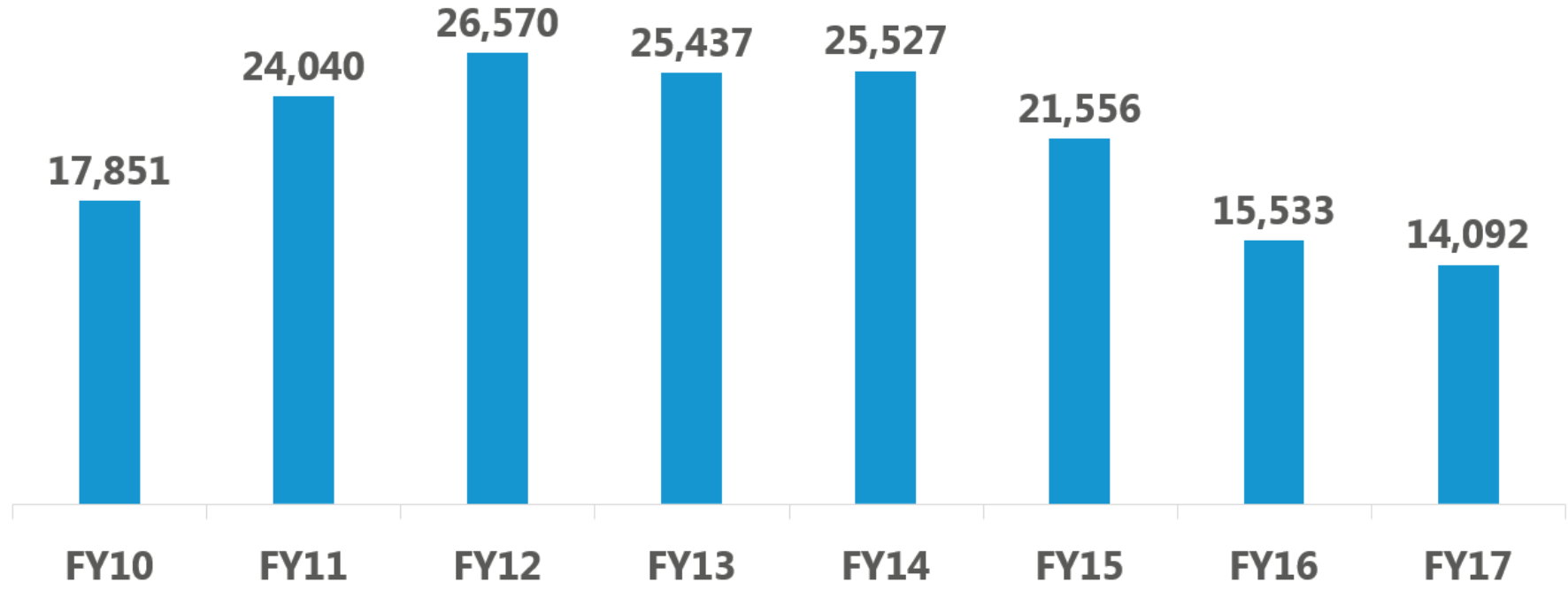
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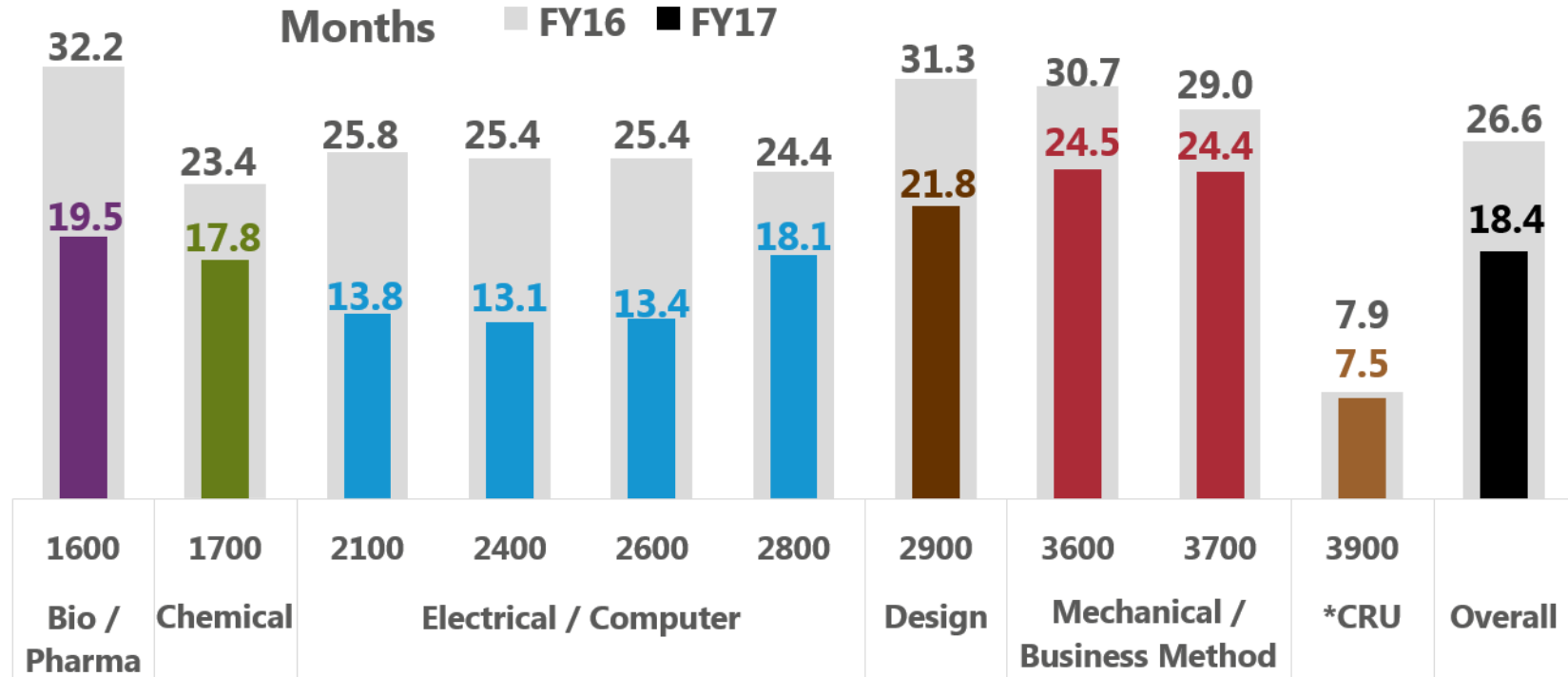
Pending Appeals

(FY10 to FY17: 10/1/09 to 6/30/17)



Pendency of Decided Appeals in FY16 and FY17

(6/30/16 compared to 6/30/17)



Pendency is calculated as average months from Board receipt date to final decision.
 *CRU (Central Reexamination Unit) includes ex parte reexams, inter partes reexams, supplemental examination reviews and reissues from all technologies.





Post-Grant Proceedings

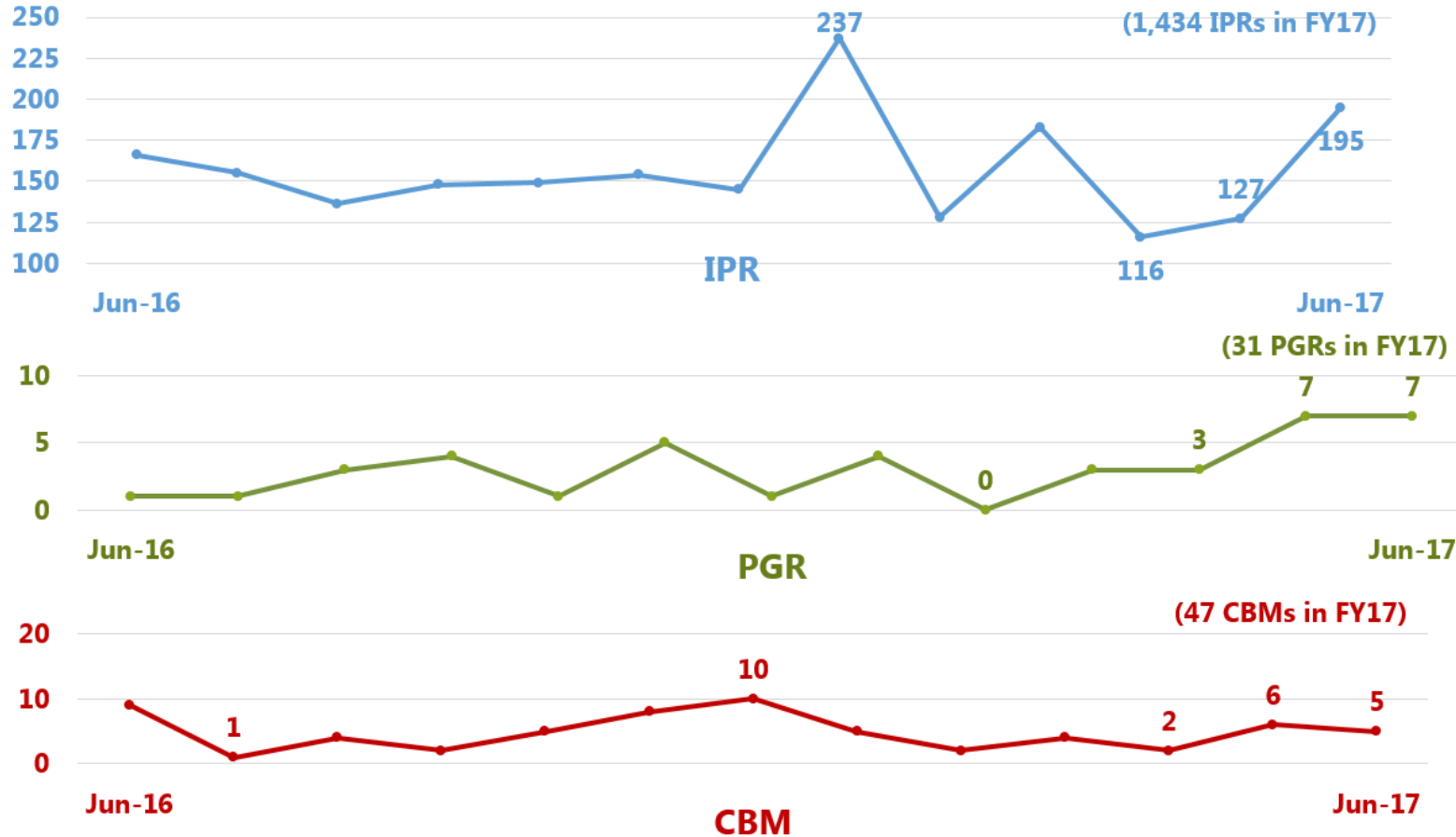
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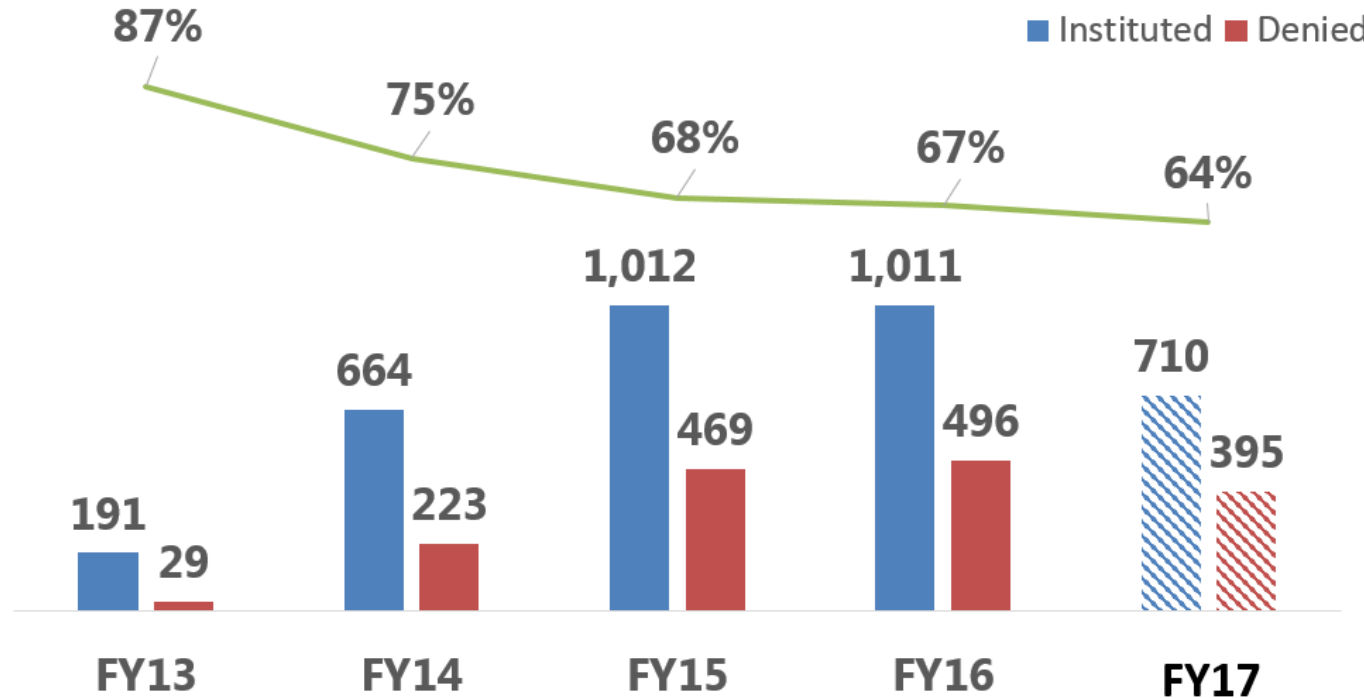
Petitions Filed by Month

(June 2017 and Previous 12 Months: 6/1/16 to 6/30/17)



Institution Rates

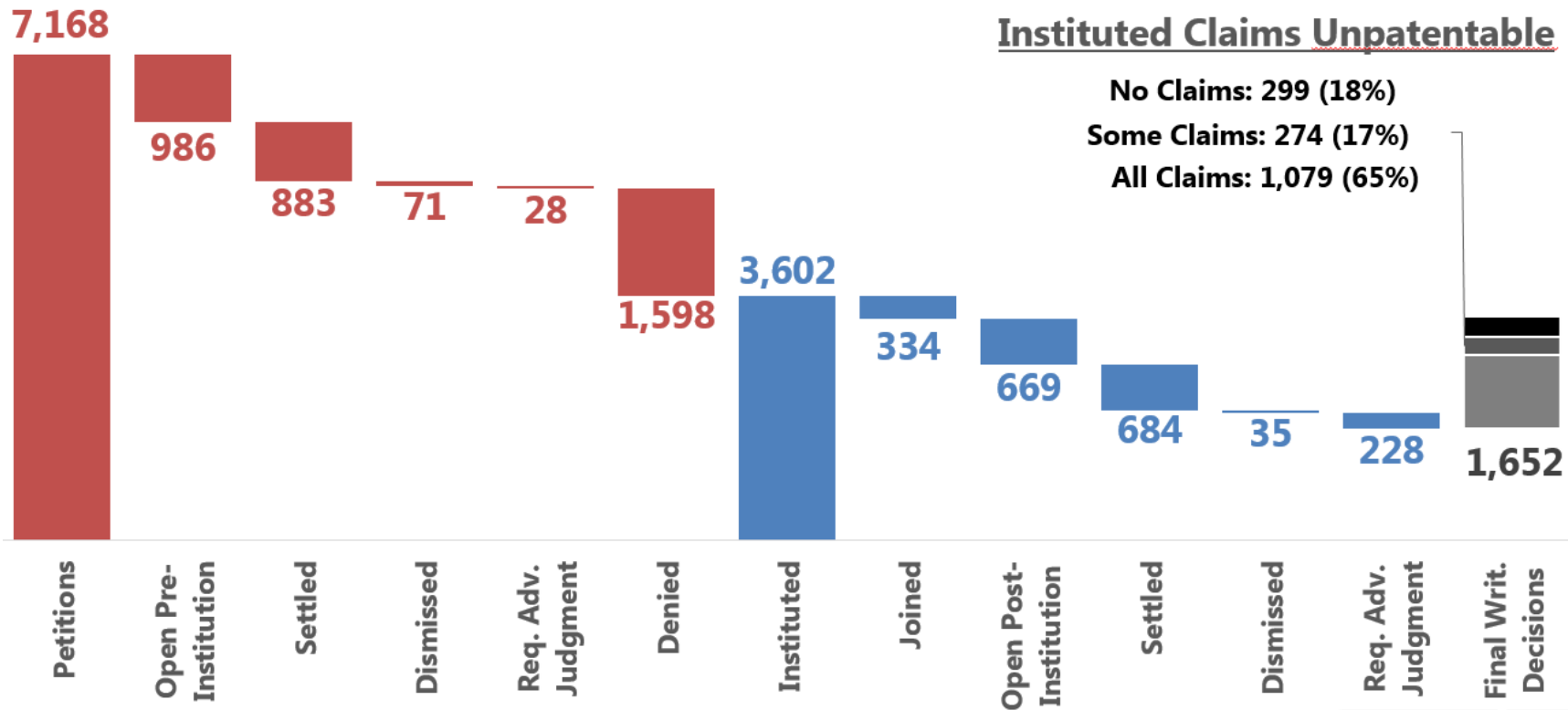
(FY13 to FY17: 10/1/12 to 6/30/17)



Institution rate for each fiscal year 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.

Status of Petitions

(All Time: 9/16/12 to 6/30/17)



These figures reflect the latest status of each petition. For example, the outcomes of decisions on institution responsive to requests for rehearing are incorporated. Once joined to a base case, a petition remains in the Joined category regardless of subsequent outcomes.



A background technical drawing of a mechanical assembly, possibly a piston or engine component, rendered in a light gray line-art style. The drawing includes various parts with hatching and is annotated with numerical callouts such as 80, 84, 86, 82, 40, 38, 34, 32, 52, 50, and 48. The drawing is centered on a white background that is framed by dark blue borders at the top and bottom.

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PTAB Interim Activities Before New Senate Confirmed Director Arrives

- Precedential Opinions
 - *Athena v. Husky*
 - Upcoming New *Ex Parte* Appeals Precedential Decision
 - Website Revamp
- Expanded Panels
- SOP Review and Update
 - New SOP9 Regarding Remands
- Data Analysis and Update
 - Amendments
 - Multiple Petitions

Questions and Comments

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