

Patent Public Advisory Committee Meeting

USPTO Petitions



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MPEP 1002.02 – Deciding Officials

Within the Patents Organization:

- Office of Petitions
- Office of Patent Legal Administration
- PCT Legal Administration
- Technology Centers (TC's)
 - TC Directors
 - Supervisory Patent Examiners (SPE's)
 - Primary Patent Examiners
 - Quality Assurance Specialists (QAS's)
- Office of Patent Application Processing (OPAP/OIPE)
- Office of Data Management (ODM/Pubs)
- Central Re-Exam Unit



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Outside the Patents Organization:

- Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences
- Office of the General Counsel
- Office of Enrollment and Discipline



Various types of Petitions and Requests

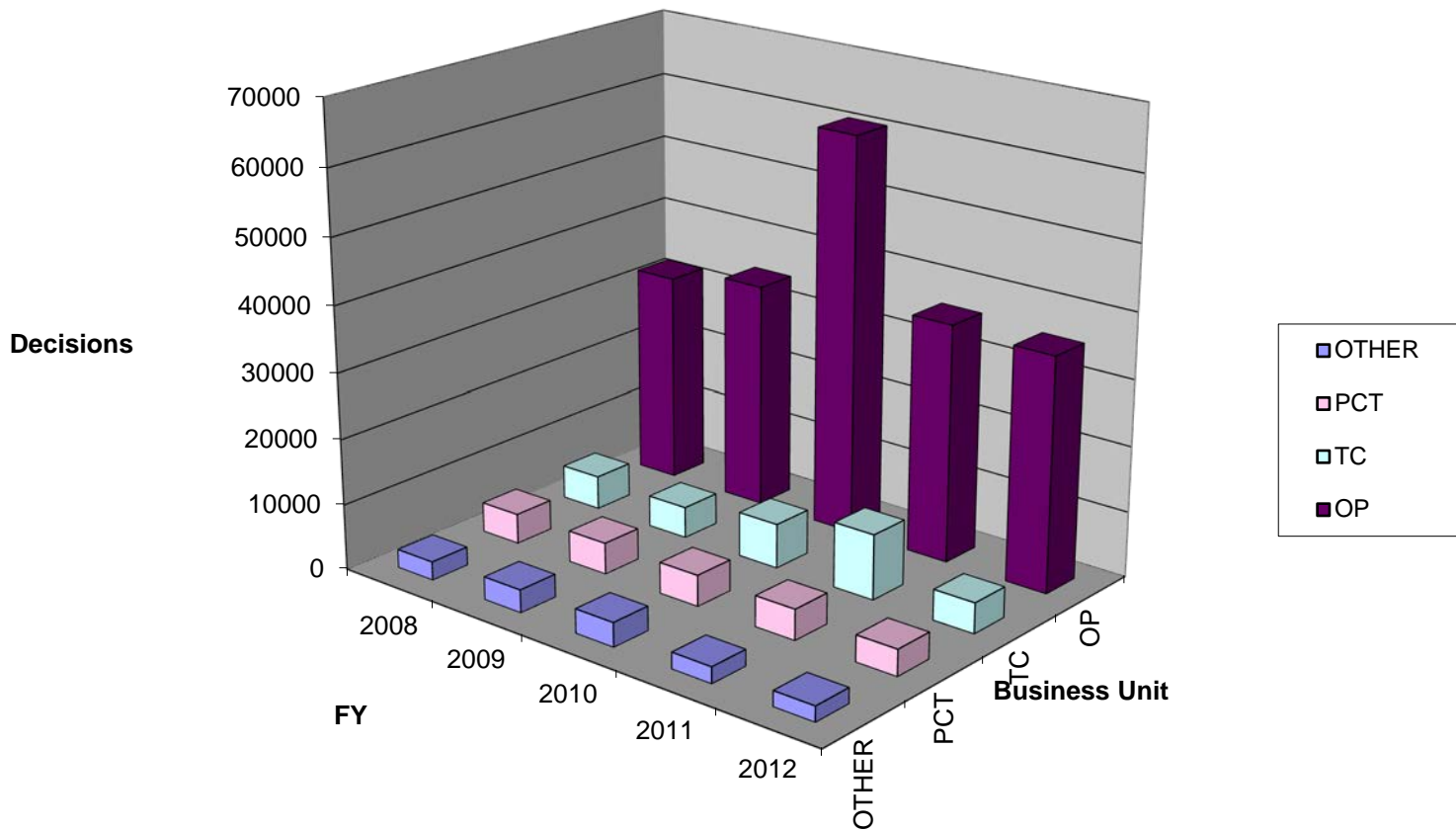
- Abandoned Applications
 - Withdrawal of holding of abandonment - decided in TC and OP
 - Revival - decided in TC and OP
- Pending Application
 - Supervisory review - decided in TC, BPAI, CRU, OP
- Allowed Applications
 - Withdrawal from issue - decided in OP, processed in ODM
- Issued Patents
 - Maintenance Fees - decided in OP
 - Correct inventorship (37 CFR 1.324) - decided in TC

***List here is not exhaustive – see MPEP §1000**



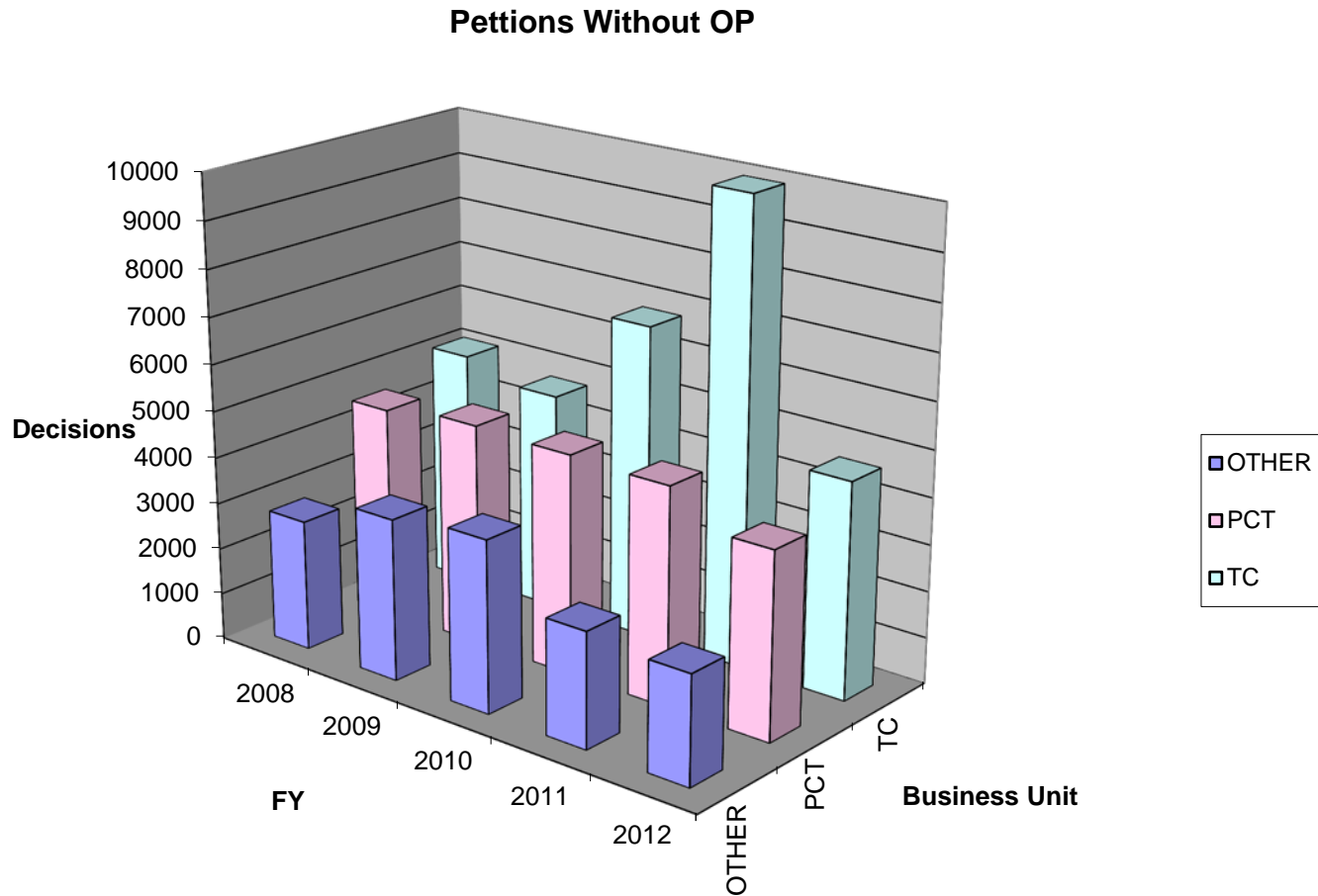
Volume of Petition Decisions

Petitions By Business Unit



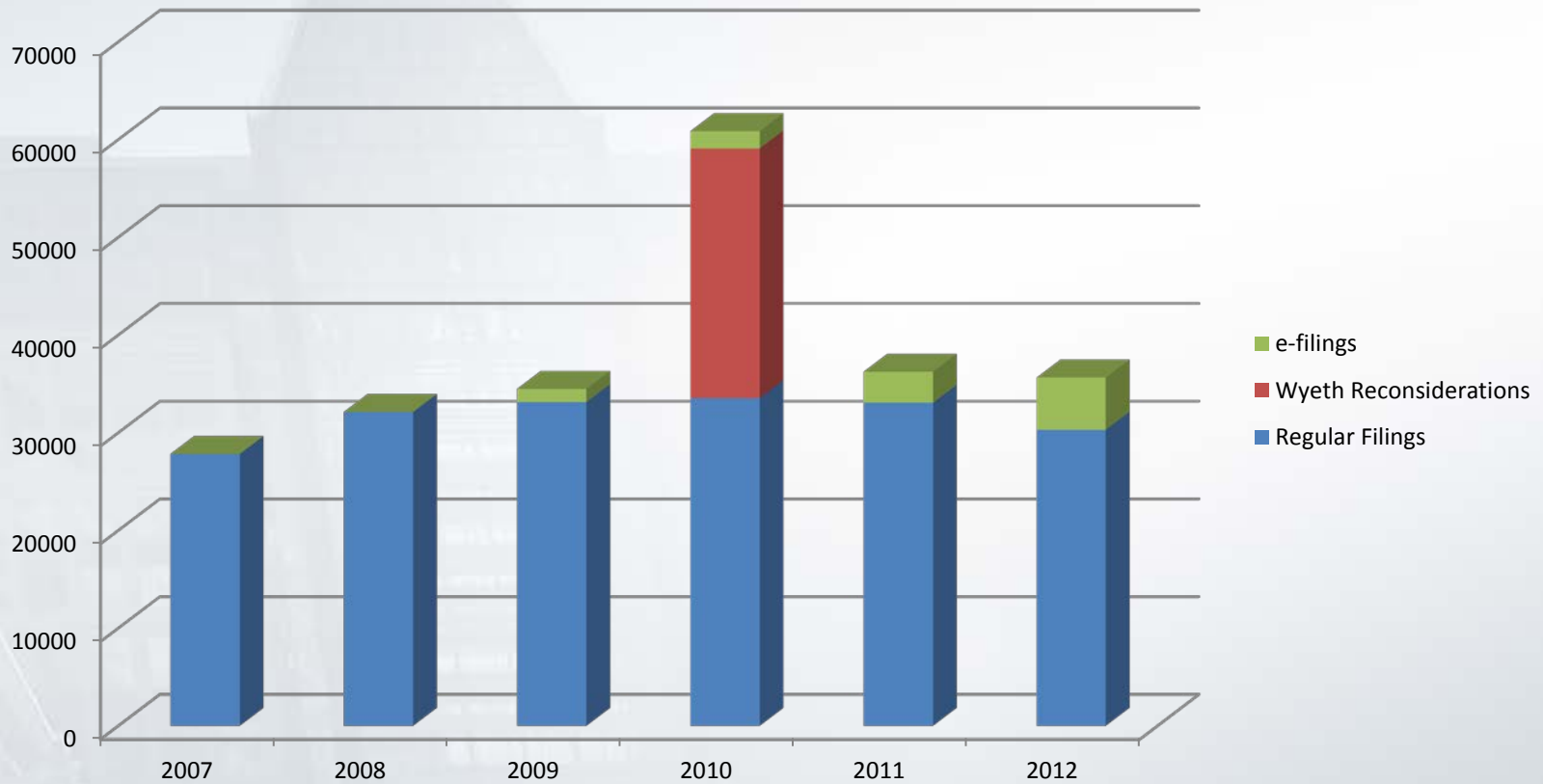


Volume of Petition Decisions (cont.)





Petition Automation





Automation

- e-Petition
 - Immediate grant if all requirements met
 - Eliminate back and forth between Office and petitioner over informalities
 - Existing staff used to decide other petitions



Automation (cont'd)

- PE2E
 - Eliminate paper in Office of Petitions
 - Dissemination of petition decisions



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