FY 2020 to FY 2021
Patent and PTAB data and training

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Patents and PTAB data 2020

• Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) final decision tables
  – Provide detailed information about the PTAB’s ruling on each individual rejection and claim
  – Statute-based data collection is more granular and consistent with Patents’ data collection

• Patents’ survey of PTAB judges
  – Survey conducted to get feedback from PTAB judges on examiner work products
Patents and PTAB data 2021

• Focus on data collection that assists with developing improvement strategies
  – PTAB decisions: more specific data on reasons why a rejection(s) is reversed at the PTAB
  – Examiner’s answers: collect data on the quality of write-ups and arguments being sent to the PTAB
    • Review form developed with input from PTAB judges
  – Post grant decisions: collect data on the use of prior art in post grant trials
Patents and PTAB training 2020

• Patents and the PTAB partner in several ways that are beneficial for examiner training
  – Quarterly webinars with PTAB judges on select topics
  – Detail assignments
  – Hearing viewing
Patents and PTAB training 2021

• Training
  – Continue training collaboration efforts from FY 2020 and incorporate new data collected into future trainings

• Post grant outcomes
  – Examiners now required to consider prior art documents from this program during examination of related or pending/child applications
Additional areas of focus

• FY 2021 compliance data trending higher
  – Continue to monitor compliance and perception data

• Impacts of current/future initiatives on quality
  – New examiner performance appraisal plan
  – New search tool
  – Combined patent classification and auto-routing
Questions and comments
Thank you!

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