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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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