Appeal and Interference Statistics
Patent Trial and Appeal Board
April 2017
Pending Appeals
(FY10 to FY17: 10/1/09 to 4/30/17)
Pendency of Decided Appeals in FY16 and FY17
(4/30/16 compared to 4/30/17)

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.
Appeal Intake in FY17
(10/1/16 to 4/30/17)

- Bio/Pharma 1600: 628
- Chemical 1700: 999
- Electrical/Computer 2100: 783
- Electrical/Computer 2400: 818
- Electrical/Computer 2600: 658
- Electrical/Computer 2800: 476
- Design 2900: 19
- Mechanical/Bus. Method 3600: 1,926
- Mechanical/Bus. Method 3700: 1,261
- Central Reexamination Unit 3900: 76

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Appeal Outcomes in FY17
(FY17: 10/1/16 to 4/30/17)

- Affirmed: 57.8%
- Reversed: 29.6%
- Affirmed-in-Part: 10.3%
- Dismissed: 1.9%
- Administrative and Panel Remands: 0.3%

[Diagram showing the distribution of appeal outcomes]
Interference Inventory
(FY08 to FY17: 10/1/07 to 4/30/17)