Appeal and Interference statistics

Patent Trial and Appeal Board
April 30, 2020
Pending appeals FY10 to FY20
(Sept. 30, 2010 – April 30, 2020)
Pendency of decided appeals

Pendency is calculated as average months from Board receipt date to final decision.

Pendency is calculated for a three month period compared to the same period the previous year.

*CRU (Central Reexamination Unit) decisions include 12 ex parte reexams, 8 inter partes reexam, 1 supplemental examination reviews, and 10 reissues from all technologies for Feb. 2020– Apr. 2020.
Appeal intake in FY20
(Oct. 1, 2019 – Apr. 30, 2020)

*Central Reexamination Unit includes ex parte reexams, inter partes reexams, supplemental examination reviews and reissues from all technologies.
Appeal outcomes in FY20
(Oct. 1, 2019 - Apr. 30, 2020)

- Affirmed: 59.6%
- Reversed: 29.5%
- Affirmed-in-Part: 9.3%
- Dismissed: 0.9%
- Administrative and Panel Remands: 0.7%
Interference inventory
(Sept. 30, 2008 – Apr. 30, 2020)