Appeal and Interference Statistics

12/31/2016
This graph shows the total number of ex parte appeals pending at the end of fiscal year 2010 through December 31, 2016, excluding reexamination, reissue and supplemental examination appeals.
This graph shows the total number of ex parte appeals pending at the end of each month (for the past 12 months), excluding reexamination, reissue and supplemental examination appeals.

* As a result of an internal audit the number of pending appeals for 9/30/2015 has been updated from 21,293 to 21,372.
This graph shows the total number of reexam and reissue appeals pending at the end of each month (for the past 12 months). Excludes appeals originating from supplemental examinations.

*Note – Data does not include reissue appeals docketed prior to Jan 1, 2016
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This bar chart shows Average Pendency of Decided Appeals by Technology Center for Appeals Decided in FY17 to date (Oct 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016). Pendency is measured from date of PTAB docketing (assignment of appeal number) to date of Decision.
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These bar charts show Average Pendency of Decided Appeals by Technology Center for Appeals Decided in the past three fiscal years (FY14, FY15, and FY16) as compared to the current fiscal year. Pendency is measured from date of PTAB docketing (assignment of appeal number) to date of Decision.

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This slide shows the number of appeals the Board has received from each Tech Center for this fiscal year (through the end of December 2016).
This slide shows the number of appeals the Board received from each Technology Center for the prior three fiscal years as compared to the current fiscal year.
Outcomes in Appeals in FY17

- 55.7% AFFIRMED
- 13.0% AFFIRMED-IN-PART
- 29.7% DISMISSED
- 0.6% REMANDS
- 1.0% ADMINISTRATIVE REMANDS
- 0.0% REVERSED

Outcomes in Appeals in FY14

- 53.6% AFFIRMED
- 12.9% AFFIRMED-IN-PART
- 28.6% DISMISSED
- 0.0% REMANDS
- 0.2% ADMINISTRATIVE REMANDS
- 0.3% REVERSED

Outcomes in Appeals in FY15

- 56.9% AFFIRMED
- 12.7% AFFIRMED-IN-PART
- 28.9% DISMISSED
- 0.2% REMANDS
- 0.0% ADMINISTRATIVE REMANDS
- 0.0% REVERSED

Outcomes in Appeals in FY16

- 57.4% AFFIRMED
- 12.9% AFFIRMED-IN-PART
- 28.6% DISMISSED
- 0.3% REMANDS
- 0.0% ADMINISTRATIVE REMANDS
- 0.8% REVERSED
This graph shows the number of Interferences pending at the end of each prior fiscal year and the current number in inventory this fiscal year.

This graph shows the December 2016 dashboard information about pendency (number of cases in each status of green, yellow, or red).