Appeal and Interference Statistics
Patent Trial and Appeal Board
January 2018
Pending Appeals
(FY10 to FY18: 9/30/10 to 1/31/18)

Note: FY17 pending changed from 13,034 to 13,044 due to an internal end of FY18 Q1 audit.
Pendency of Decided Appeals in FY17 and FY18
(1/31/17 compared to 1/31/18)

Pendency is calculated as average months from Board receipt date to final decision.
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Appeal Intake in FY18
(10/1/17 to 1/31/18)

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Appeal Outcomes in FY18  
(FY18: 10/1/17 to 1/31/18)

Affirmed: 59.1%
Affirmed-in-Part: 11.0%
Reversed: 28.0%
Administrative and Panel Remands: 0.8%
Dismissed: 1.1%
Interference Inventory
(FY08 to FY18: 9/30/08 to 1/31/18)