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# PACs 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary & Rulemaking Activities

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# **Celebrating 25 years of USPTO's Public Advisory Committees: A legacy of excellence and innovation**

## **Key takeaways**

- Established 25 years ago, the PPAC is comprised of IP leaders with substantial background and achievement from diverse industries.
- The PPAC serves in an advisory capacity to provide valuable external input to enhance the USPTO work.

# Rulemaking activities

## General rulemaking timeline



## FY 2024: Volume of USPTO notices in the Federal Register and written comments received

| Type of notice       | # Notices | # Comments |
|----------------------|-----------|------------|
| Final rule           | 6         | N/A        |
| NPRM                 | 9         | 553        |
| Request for comments | 11        | 194        |
| Guidance             | 7         | 90         |
| Total                | 33        | 837        |

## Key takeaways

- The PPAC appreciates that discussion on the especially complex rulemaking issues of the Patent Trial and Appeal Board Rules of Practice for Briefing Discretionary Denial Issues, and Rules for 325(d) Considerations, Instituting Parallel and Serial Petitions, and Termination Due to Settlement Agreement are continually evolving and therefore encourage careful consideration and collaboration for a balanced solution.

