

**United States Patent and Trademark Office [OG Notices: 23 January 2007](#)**Transcription of Oral Arguments before the  
Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences

The United States Patent and Trademark Office is increasing the transparency of Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences decision making. The Board has already opened its oral arguments to the public. See 1308 OG 147-48 (Jul. 25, 2006). In 2007, the Board will begin transcribing oral arguments before the Board. The transcript of the argument will be entered into the official record of the proceeding. Availability of the transcript should improve public insight into the proceeding. See *Okajima v. Bourdeau*, 261 F.3d 1350, 1355, 59 USPQ2d 1795, 1798 (Fed. Cir. 2001) (discussing the transcript of the argument before the Board). The transcript will not ordinarily be open to correction since the cost and complexity of a correction process would outweigh the benefits.

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