USPTO Extending Comment Period on Trial Proceedings Under the America Invents Act Before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board

Comments due by October 16, 2014

The USPTO published a request for comments in the Federal Register on June 27, 2014, seeking public comment on all aspects of the new administrative trial proceedings, including the administrative trial proceeding rules and trial practice guide. See Request for Comments on Trial Proceedings Under the America Invents Act Before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board, 79 Fed Reg. 36474-77 (June 27, 2014). The USPTO initially indicated that written comments must be received on or before September 16, 2014. In view of stakeholder requests for additional time to submit comments on the new administrative trial proceedings, the USPTO is now extending the period for public comment until October 16, 2014.

Any comments on all aspects of the new administrative trial proceedings must be emailed to TrialsRFC2014@uspto.gov, and must be received on or before October 16, 2014. More information about the trial proceedings under the America Invents Act before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board is available at http://www.uspto.gov/aia_implementation/bpai.jsp and http://www.uspto.gov/ip/boards/bpai/ptab_trials.jsp.