Appeal and Interference Statistics
Patent Trial and Appeal Board
February 2018
Pending Appeals
(FY10 to FY18: 9/30/10 to 2/28/18)

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
(Pendency of appeals decided in February 2017 compared to February 2018 in months)

Pendency is calculated as average months from Board receipt date to final decision.
*CRU (Central Reexamination Unit) includes ex parte reexams, inter partes reexams, supplemental examination reviews and reissues from all technologies.
Appeal Intake in FY18
(10/1/17 to 2/28/18)

Bio/Pharma 1600 | 275
Chemical 1700 | 454
Electrical/Computer 2100 | 370
Electrical/Computer 2400 | 419
Electrical/Computer 2600 | 360
Electrical/Computer 2800 | 304
Design 2900 | 19
Mechanical/Bus. Method 3600 | 945
Mechanical/Bus. Method 3700 | 639
*Central Reexamination Unit 3900 | 56

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Appeal Outcomes in FY18
(FY18: 10/1/17 to 2/28/18)

- Affirmed: 59.4%
- Affirmed-in-Part: 10.8%
- Reversed: 27.9%
- Administrative and Panel Remands: 0.8%
- Dismissed: 1.1%
Interference Inventory
(FY08 to FY18: 9/30/08 to 2/28/18)