



United States Patent and Trademark Office Proceedings

Proceedings before the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) are often necessary to further a patent or trademark application, or to challenge a third-party's patent or trademark.

The America Invents Act of 2011 introduced a variety of ways to either challenge or strengthen patents at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, including:

- Inter Partes Review enables a third party to challenge one or more claims in an issued patent.
- Post Grant Review provides an opportunity for a third party to petition the United States Patent & Trademark Office to review one or more claims in an issued patent within nine months following issuance of the patent or reissuance of broadened patent claims. The proceeding provides for a scope of challenges broader than that allowed for in inter partes review.

In addition to these proceedings, our intellectual property attorneys have filed petitions, responses, and other pleadings with the USPTO, including, responses to office actions, trademark oppositions and cancellations, and post-registration proceedings. Our attorneys have appeared before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board to present in-person arguments in furtherance of these proceedings. Our clients can be confident that our attorneys can provide knowledgeable and persuasive arguments and responses resulting in successful outcomes and resolutions.