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### Introduction

This September marks the sixth year since the release of our first *IPR Intelligence Report* back in September 2017. The report has evolved since then as we have added new sections and improved our analysis methodology. This has all become possible because of the valuable feedback we have received from the IP community.

The IPR Intelligence Report was the first in our IP Insight series, and as the demand and interest

increased over time, we expanded our offerings. Now, we cover eight unique areas in IP every year, including ITC Section 337, Hatch-Waxman Litigation, Patent Litigation, Trademark Litigation, Patent Prosecution, Trademark Prosecution, Federal Circuit Court of Appeal (CAFC), and IPR. In 2023, we plan to cover other new areas, and we are currently evaluating multiple topics, including ex-parte re-exam, Copyright, and trade secret litigation.

### What is New in our Sixth Report?

We have made a number of improvements to this year's report, and we are confident you will see the added value in these changes.

First, the ranking methodology has been updated. Under the new algorithm, we now give at least half a point to the petitioner if at least a single claim is invalidated in the final written decision. This was added as we understood that oftentimes the petitioner's goal is to invalidate a few claims that have been asserted against their products. But they usually add more claims to the mix. Therefore, they may achieve their goal by invalidating a smaller subset of claims listed in the petition.

Next, we have now added Adverse Judgements to our ranking calculations. This category of cases was so small that we had not considered them in our earlier versions of the report. But to make the report more accurate, we decided to add this to our new method. Under the updated rules, the petitioner will receive a full mark for adverse judgments.

Another improvement was the inclusion of all attorneys, law firms, and companies in our per-

formance rankings, regardless of their activities. In previous versions, there was a cut-off number for activity, and if attorneys did not meet that minimum requirement, they were not included in our performance calculations. This year, we have updated our methodology, and the performance score is calculated based on the weighted average of both success and activity. Therefore, if attorneys are not very active, they are penalized and may not appear at the top of the list. This inclusive self-selection process allows all participants to receive their performance scores.

Finally, we have significantly improved our data extraction and normalization using Artificial Intelligence (AI) and natural language processing. Our latest PDF Cruncher has read tens of thousands of documents and automatically extracts all active attorneys and law firms representing the petitioners and the patent owners. This has helped us discover new attorneys associated with some IPR matters that had not previously been detected. Besides this, we have also trained the tool to automatically read and comprehend the case's outcome, including invalid claims. Even with these technological improvements, we still have that

additional layer of humans on top to cover undetected cases and to verify those cases reported by attorneys directly. **Verification by attorneys** showed that our data has much better quality than other commercially available tools that law firms often use to track litigation activity.

We are also using AI and machine learning to identify experts who testified for petitioners or patent owners on all IPR matters. The experts are categorized by different technology areas and ranked based on the case's outcome. The data is then used internally by *Patexia's Expert Search Team* as well as our clients when they retain an expert for their IP matters.

We consider all the feedback we receive from the IP community to improve and make the reports more useful to everybody, including our law firm

and corporate partners. As a result, our analysis has become more complex and covers a broader range than in the past.

The extended Excel document covers up to the first 1,000 most active law firms, attorneys, and companies, as well as all lateral moves among the first 1,000 IPR attorneys. While being in the top 100 in a respected category is a significant accomplishment, as it puts the attorney in the top two percentile, the law firm in the top 10 percentile approximately, and the company in the top four percentile, knowledge about the remaining participants is quite important and useful as well.

We hope that our corporate and law firm clients find this new edition useful for their decision-making, counsel selection, and business development efforts.



Pedram Sameni Founder and CEO

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## What is in this Report?

The report content has been divided into the following sections:

- IPR Statistics: We provide an overview of IPR, including high-level statistics related to all parties, cases, patents, and claims.
- Case Analysis: We dive into case-level statistics and analyze Settlement, Denial, and Invalidation rates. We also examine IPC codes and their popularity in IPR.
- **3. PTAB Administrative Judges:** We examine the performance of 187 PTAB Administrative Judges, identifying the most active as well as the best performing from the viewpoint of Patent Owners or Petitioners.
- **4. Petitioners and Patent Owners:** We identify the most active and the best-performing *Petitioners* and *Patent Owners* over the last five years.
- **5. Law Firms:** We analyze the performance and activity of law firms, comparing and providing

rankings for the top firms representing Petitioners and Patent Owners.

- **6. Attorneys:** We review the performance and activity of attorneys representing *Petitioners* and *Patent Owners*, comparing and providing rankings for top attorneys on each side.
- 7. Ranking Methodology: We explain our activity, success, and performance scores and how we have calculated them for patent owners, petitioners, and their representatives, as well as the PTAB judges.

As per our tradition for this and our other intelligence reports, and to have a meaningful comparison, as well as compensate for the time required for each case from filing to completion (e.g., 6 to 18 months), we covered a period of five years (i.e., July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2022). While the cut-off day for cases was June 30, 2022, we used the latest updates for the cases as of Aug. 25, 2022. Appendix A lists all sources of data used for this report.

**Disclaimer:** The data for this report was obtained from public sources, including USPTO, PTAB, and PACER, as well as self-reported by attorneys on the Patexia website. Patexia has gone to great lengths to provide valid and accurate analysis based on this data. However, Patexia does not guarantee 100% accuracy nor take any responsibility for possible losses caused by the use of information provided in this report.



## **Appendix A: Sources of Data**

Data is the foundation and building block of any data-driven analysis. Therefore, collecting data from quality sources and taking extra care in maintaining the data integrity is something we at Patexia take into account very seriously. We have collected our raw data from many sources, including

- Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) Database
- United States Patent and Trademark (USPTO) Patent Database
- Public Access to Court Electronic Records (PACER)
- Self-reported by attorneys named on the case
- US Patent Classification Database

For this release, we limited the date range of our analysis to the last five years (July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2022).

While the possibility of errors such as typos in legal documents is inevitable, cleaning and organizing the attorney data is even more challenging as attorneys have similar names (or sometimes exactly the same names), change firms, may not update their information, and often use different variations of their names.

Our engineering team has implemented sophisticated machine learning and natural language processing techniques to find the correct matches for various occurrences of the same name. To further minimize the errors, we not only review suspicious matches manually but also host profile pages for more than 100,000 attorneys and agents who can directly review and add missing cases to our database. All the user-added data will again be verified by Patexia's internal data team for accuracy.

# Appendix B:Patent Owners andPetitioners Stats

See the attached Excel spreadsheet for the stats related to up to 1,000 most active patent owners and petitioners involved in one or more IPR cases filed during the period of our study. The spreadsheet covers the following information for each of the companies:

- **1.** Company name with a link to the Patexia page
- 2. All Cases (Patent Owner + Petitioner)
- 3. Patent Owner Cases
- 4. Petitioner Cases
- **5.** Overall Performance Rank
- **6.** Overall Activity Rank
- **7.** Patent Owner Performance Rank
- 8. Patent Owner Activity Rank
- 9. Petitioner Performance Rank
- **10.** Petitioner Activity Rank
- 11. 2021 Overall Performance Rank
- **12.** 2021 Overall Activity Rank
- 13. 2021 Patent Owner Performance Rank
- **14.** 2021 Patent Owner Activity Rank
- **15.** 2021 Petitioner Performance Rank

- **16.** 2021 Petitioner Activity Rank
- 17. Overall Performance Score
- 18. Patent Owner Performance Score
- 19. Petitioner Performance Score
- 20. Overall Success Score
- 21. Patent Owner Success Score
- 22. Petitioner Success Score
- 23. Overall Activity Score
- 24. Patent Owner Activity Score
- 25. Petitioner Activity Score
- **26.** Overall Success Score (Clean)
- **27.** Patent Owner Success Score (Clean)
- 28. Petitioner Success Score (Clean)
- 29. Top Three Law Firms

## **Appendix C: Law Firms Stats**



See the attached Excel spreadsheet for the stats related to all 905 law firms involved in one or more IPR cases filed during the period of our study. The spreadsheet covers the following information for each of the law firms:

- **1.** Law firm name with a link to the Patexia page
- **2.** All Cases (Patent Owner + Petitioner)
- 3. Patent Owner Cases
- 4. Petitioner Cases
- **5.** Overall Performance Rank
- 6. Overall Activity Rank
- **7.** Patent Owner Performance Rank
- 8. Patent Owner Activity Rank
- 9. Petitioner Performance Rank
- **10.** Petitioner Activity Rank
- 11. 2021 Overall Performance Rank
- 12. 2021 Overall Activity Rank
- 13. 2021 Patent Owner Performance Rank
- **14.** 2021 Patent Owner Activity Rank
- 15. 2021 Petitioner Performance Rank

- 16. 2021 Petitioner Activity Rank
- 17. Overall Performance Score
- 18. Patent Owner Performance Score
- 19. Petitioner Performance Score
- 20. Overall Success Score
- 21. Patent Owner Success Score
- 22. Petitioner Success Score
- 23. Overall Activity Score
- 24. Patent Owner Activity Score
- **25.** Petitioner Activity Score
- **26.** Overall Success Score (Clean)
- **27.** Patent Owner Success Score (Clean)
- 28. Petitioner Success Score (Clean)
- **29.** Top Three Clients

## Appendix D: Attorneys Stats

See the attached Excel spreadsheet for the stats related to the top 1,000 most active attorneys involved in one or more IPR cases filed during the period of our study. The spreadsheet covers the following information for each of the law firms:

- 1. Attorney name with a link to the Patexia page
- 2. Attorney's title (Partner, Associate, ...)
- 3. Law firm name with a link to the Patexia page
- **4.** All Cases (Patent Owner + Petitioner)
- 5. Patent Owner Cases
- 6. Petitioner Cases
- 7. Overall Performance Rank
- 8. Overall Activity Rank
- 9. Patent Owner Performance Rank
- **10.** Patent Owner Activity Rank
- 11. Petitioner Performance Rank
- **12.** Petitioner Activity Rank
- 13. 2021 Overall Performance Rank
- **14.** 2021 Overall Activity Rank
- **15.** 2021 Patent Owner Performance Rank
- **16.** 2021 Patent Owner Activity Rank

- 17. 2021 Petitioner Performance Rank
- 18. 2021 Petitioner Activity Rank
- 19. Overall Performance Score
- 20. Patent Owner Performance Score
- 21. Petitioner Performance Score
- 22. Overall Success Score
- 23. Patent Owner Success Score
- 24. Petitioner Success Score
- 25. Overall Activity Score
- **26.** Patent Owner Activity Score
- 27. Petitioner Activity Score
- **28.** Overall Success Score (Clean)
- 29. Patent Owner Success Score (Clean)
- **30.** Petitioner Success Score (Clean)
- **31.** Top Three Clients

## Appendix E: Judges

See the attached Excel spreadsheet for the stats related to all 187 main judges who authored the final written decision. The spreadsheet covers the following information for each of the judges:

- 1. Main Judge (Author)
- 2. All Cases
- 3. Unique patents
- **4.** Judge Score (In Favor of Petitioner)

- 5. Claims Challenged
- 6. Claims Instituted
- 7. Claims Invalidated

## Appendix F:Lateral Moves

See the attached Excel spreadsheet to find the current firms for 100 IPR attorneys who switched firms over the last 12 months. The spreadsheet covers the following information for each of the attorneys:

- 1. IPR Attorney
- 2. Title
- 3. Current Firm

- 4. Old Firm
- 5. Overall Activity Rank
- 6. IPR Cases

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