

Avoiding Prosecution Churn: When Ex Parte PTAB Appeals Make Dollars and Sense

Fitch, Even, Tabin & Flannery LLP will present a free webinar, “Avoiding Prosecution Churn: When *Ex Parte* PTAB Appeals Make Dollars and Sense,” featuring Fitch Even partner Thomas F. Lebens and Anticipat founder Trent Ostler.

The event will be Wednesday, March 21, 2018 , at 9 am PDT / 10 am MDT / 11 am CDT / 12 noon EDT.

During the process of acquiring patent rights through the patent application process, applicants sometimes wish to seek review of rejections by an examiner. The formal mechanism for achieving this review is an *ex parte* appeal to the Patent Trial and Appeals Board (PTAB). Some patent practitioners avoid the *ex parte* review process, viewing it as lengthy and expensive. But, data and experiences recently compiled by an AIPLA subcommittee suggest that this conventional thinking may be incorrect. It turns out that pursuing an appeal can be a more attractive option than other patent prosecution procedures.

During this webinar, presenters will explore how the AIPLA findings may provide guidance on

- When to file *ex parte* PTAB appeals
- How often to file these appeals
- Which issues to choose to appeal

Additional topics will include

- USPTO incentives
- Working with the examiner
- Patent term adjustment
- Pre-appeal brief reviews
- Other relevant statistics

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