

# Supreme Court Has Another Chance To Help Take Down Patent Trolls

When the U.S. Supreme Court hears *Oil States Energy Service v. Greene's Energy Group*, the justices will have the opportunity to banish patent trolls back under the bridge where they belong, according to **Above the Law**.

**Gary Shapiro** explains that *Oil States* hinges on inter-partes review – “the process used by the U.S. Patent and Trade Office to determine whether a patent under question was issued based on merit. If not, the patent can be rescinded. The process is similar to a trial: Lawyers make their case to the Patent Trials and Appeals Board (PTAB), and three highly qualified administrative patent judges hear their case and come to a decision.”

He says the process is expensive, but it's much less costly than going to court.

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