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Honors and Awards



IPR Spotlight Series: What to Do When the PTAB Denies Your Petition to Institute IPR

To help navigate the uncharted waters of *inter partes* review (IPR) before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB), each edition of *IP Buzz - Post Grant Practice* includes an installment of our *IPR Spotlight* series, where we feature a specific event on the [IPR timeline](#), from filing the petition for IPR through oral hearing and final written decision. In our third *IPR Spotlight* installment, we focus on [what to do if the PTAB denies your petition to institute IPR](#).

Public Comments on AIA Trial Proceedings – the USPTO is Listening

The United States Patent and Trademark Office issued a [Federal Register Notice](#) on June 27, 2014 formally seeking written public comments on AIA trials, including the AIA trial rules and the trial practice guide. The deadline for submitting comments is on or before September 16, 2014.

[Click here to see the range of issues on which the USPTO is seeking comments.](#)

Versata v. SAP: PTAB Decision Does Not Trump a Final Jury Verdict

The final decision in the first covered business method review in *SAP America, Inc. v. Versata Data Development Group*, presents many issues of first impression regarding the scope of AIA trials. Most recently, the Federal Circuit refused SAP's attempts to overturn a \$391 million jury award for patent infringement based on a subsequent finding of unpatentability by the PTAB.

[Click here to learn how timing played a role in this decision.](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS

Insights from a Recent Panel on Navigating AIA Trials

On July 14, 2014, the Bar Association of the District of Columbia and Venable presented "Navigating AIA Trials at the USPTO." The diverse panel included Patent Trial and Appeal Board Judge Brian Murphy; Procter & Gamble in-house counsel Mark Charles; Ashe P.C. founder Oliver Ashe, who has over 20 years of experience at the PTAB and its predecessor the BPAI; and Venable partner [Adam Hess](#), a patent litigator with experience in both AIA trials and interferences. [Carly Levin](#) from Venable moderated the discussion.

[Click here for key takeaways from the panel.](#)

Patent Docs Covers Venable's Panel at the 2014 BIO International Convention

Venable associate [Meaghan Kent](#) moderated the panel "Navigating Patent Challenges under the America Invents Act" at the BIO International Convention in San Diego, CA on June 25, 2014. The guest panelists were the Hon. Michael Tierney, Lead Administrative Patent Judge, Trial Section, Patent Trial and Appeal Board; the Hon. Dana Sabraw, Judge, United States District Court, Southern District of California; and Cliff Ford, Executive Director and Senior Patent Counsel, Isis Pharmaceuticals, Inc. In a June 26, 2014 blog post, *Patent Docs*, a biotech and pharma patent law and news blog, featured a recap of the panel.

[Click here to read the panel coverage.](#)



Save-The-Date: Venable IP Symposium

Wednesday, September 10, 2014 | 12:30 - 6:30 p.m. ET
Venable LLP's Washington Office, Capitol Room

Venable LLP's Intellectual Property Division will hold its inaugural IP Symposium. Venable IP attorneys will be joined by distinguished guest speakers for a half-day event in our Washington, DC offices. We'll kick off with a keynote luncheon, followed by panel discussions on current trends in IP law and strategies for settling a case favorably, and we'll end the day with drinks on the rooftop. The IP Symposium is complimentary and CLE credit will be available. We hope you will join us!

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