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what is the PTAB?



Areas of the PTAB's jurisdiction include:

- Appeals from adverse examiner decisions in patent applications and reexamination proceedings.
- AIA trial proceedings.
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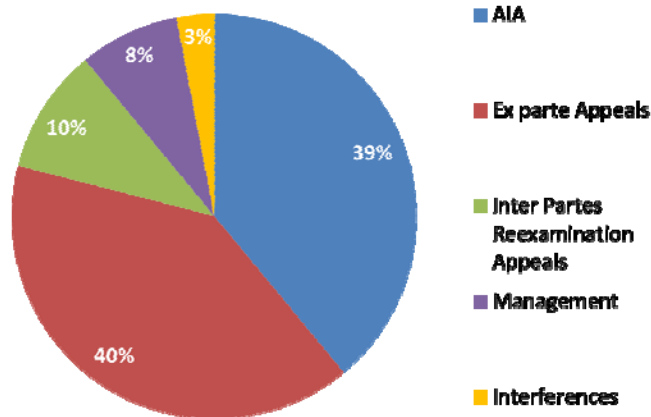
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PTAB'S HIRING PROCESS



current judge staffing

*As of April 2014



^ All judges begin with a docket of ex parte appeals. Assignments to other areas are based on need.



The transition from private practice to the Board has been welcome in many ways, but one of the most pleasant aspects has been the collegial atmosphere here.—
Administrative Patent Judge Matt Clements, Silicon Valley Office



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