

Sterne Kessler Publishes 2019 PTAB Year in Review Report

Washington D.C. (February 28, 2020) – Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox is pleased to announce the publication of *2019 PTAB Year in Review: Analysis & Trends*. [This inaugural report](#) explores the power, resilience, and ever-evolving nature of the United States Patent and Trademark Office Patent Trial and Appeal Board through a series of articles addressing the most significant decisions, updates, and rule changes of 2019.

The editors note that over this past year, the PTAB: received more than 1,300 *inter partes* review (IPR), post grant review (PGR), and covered business method review (CBM) petitions; issued a similar number of institution decisions; and rendered nearly 500 final written decisions. These petitions and decisions involved more than 1,800 unique patents – most of which are involved in co-pending district court litigation with billions of dollars on the line.

The report includes an examination and analysis of some of these PTAB proceedings, honing in on cases that address such topics as discretionary denial, motions to amend, and estoppels.

The full publication, *2019 PTAB Year in Review: Analysis & Trends*, and its individual articles are available on the firm's website [here](#) in both HTML and PDF formats. Additionally, the firm's third annual report focused on PTAB appeals, "Federal Circuit Appeals from the PTAB: Summaries of Key 2019 Decisions" that was released in January is available [here](#).

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